

## Snowy Mountain (K51238)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 27, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Keremeos
<b>Incident overview</b>	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 15, 189 hectares in size. The fire activity remains within the identified fire analysis area the status of this fire remains Being Held. This means we do not expect the fire to spread beyond this determined area. The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor and respond to the Snowy Mountain fire. If temperatures remain warm, visibility improves and relative humidity decreases, fire activity within the perimeter of this fire will increase and be visible to surrounding communities. This is normal and to be expected as it is still considered an active fire. As a result the public will see the fire moving up and down draws within this area and as the fire backs down the draws crews will be responding with suppression efforts</p> <p>This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. For information pertaining to closures at the Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected area please visit <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy</a></p>
<b>Weather forecast</b>	<p>Mainly sunny. High temperatures 12 C and low RH near 47%. Winds NW 15-25 G 35 km/h. The airmass will become stable to 1000m, with breakdown temperature of 11C.</p> <p><b>Tonight:</b> Overnight low near 5 C and RH recovery to near 75%. Winds diminishing to light NW starting near 18:00.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> An upper ridge continues on Tuesday with sunny skies, light west to southwest winds and temperatures in the lower double digits. An upper trough over the Alaska Panhandle will form during the day. This will begin to weaken the ridge as it pushes southward and eastward overnight. By Wednesday it will be positioned over the fire area, but showers will be confined to north of the fire area. Temperatures will cool into the single digits with light to moderate southwest winds. The next trough will cross on Thursday, but there will be little moisture in the airmass. Temperatures will remain in the single digits and winds will be light to moderate west.</p>
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	<p>Residual smoke and low cloud may continue to reduce visibility.</p> <p>In areas that received rainfall, cold temps and high minimum RH has dampened the FMC and slightly reduced the DMC, which has slowed down potential rates of spread. There may still be some creeping surface spread in dry fuels that did not record any rainfall. The underlying indices are still much higher than average for this time of year, so any increases in wind will create the potential for fire behaviour to pick up.</p>
<b>Challenges</b>	Steep inoperable terrain and ignited rolling debris. Low ceiling, smoke and rain limits visibility for aircraft.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	100 foot mop up done on the east side of Barrington Creek.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Prepping a hose lay to the west of Barrington Creek and monitoring the fire up the slope.

### Definitions: Stages of Control

<b>Out of Control:</b>	Describes a wildfire that is not responding (or only responding on a limited basis) to suppression action, such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
<b>Being Held:</b>	Indicates that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) that sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions.
<b>Under Control:</b>	Indicates that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
<b>Out:</b>	Indicates that the fire has been extinguished.