



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Meachen Creek Complex

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 27, 2018
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<b>Incident Command Post</b>	Teck Cominco
<b>Incident overview</b>	<p>A 22 person Incident Management Team from Ontario assumed command of the Meachen Creek Complex last Sunday night. The Ontario IMT's last fire line day will be tomorrow. The day will be spent facilitating the transition to new incoming Team.</p> <p>The sizes and perimeters of these incidents were last updated August 22 by the high-level scan. Due to limited visibility it has been unsafe to create a new perimeter using our helicopters. Maps are available at <a href="http://www.bcwildfire.ca">www.bcwildfire.ca</a></p> <p><u>The Meachen Creek Fire (N11886)</u>  9073 hectares in size (mapped by high level scan August 22)  25 firefighting personnel on site  6 helicopters are assigned to the complex  6 pieces of heavy equipment</p> <p>This wildfire is located in the Kianuko Provincial Park and the Meachen Creek drainage, approximately 4 kilometres southwest of St. Mary Lake and is classified as Out of Control.</p> <p>Yesterday the fire was once again active in the Fiddler Creek area. The fire burned up the mountain ridge into the rock face. This outcome was preferable as it did not turn and burn down into the valley. It is estimated that this excursion totals 75 hectares. All containment lines have held in the northeast corner and fire behaviour has been moderate. There has been no further encroachment towards the St. Mary Lake community. Today heavy equipment will be used to put in line on Fiddler Creek in order to tie into the rock bluff and to put a tight line on the excursion across Fiddler Creek. Crews will begin establishing hose lines around the excursion. When safe to do so, helicopters with buckets will be used to support the suppression efforts. Crews will monitor the spine in the northeast corner and bucket hot spots as required. Maintenance will continue on the structural protection equipment in zones 1 and 2.</p> <p>Last night, varying amounts of rain were recorded; 2.6 mm was received at the station on the fire, 7 mm at the station south of the fire and 3.8 mm at the station north of the fire. While these amounts are most welcome and will create good fire fighting conditions, drought conditions remain the same.</p> <p><u>The Lost Dog Complex (N12314, N12419, N12420)</u>  714 hectares in size  23 firefighting personnel on site  3 helicopters are signed to the complex  6 pieces of heavy equipment</p>

	<p>This wildfire is located approximately 14 kilometres north of Kimberley and is classified as Being Held as of 18:00 last night.</p> <p>The smaller N12420 and N12419 fires are Under Control and in patrol stage. N12413 is considered as Being Held as of 18:00 last night. The cooler conditions over the weekend allowed ground crews to make good progress. Today they will continue working the south flank headed west creating a 50-foot-wide black line. They will also continue working on a 50-foot-wide black line on the north flank towards the east as well as the west flank the with skidders.</p> <p><u>The Mount Dickson Fire (N71602)</u> 1997 hectares in size This fire is being monitored and therefore no ground resources have been assigned 6 helicopters are signed to the complex</p> <p>This wildfire is classified as Out of Control</p> <p>Yesterday the operations chief surveyed this fire by helicopter. Fire behaviour was quiet and it still does not pose a threat to any values. The fire is approximately one and a half kilometers south of the Meachen Creek fire.</p>
<b>Weather forecast</b>	<p>Monday: The cloud and showers expected overnight Sunday may persist into Monday morning, conditions will clear through the afternoon seeing temperatures in the mid to high teens and relative humidity values dipping into the 30 to 40% range. Moderate to strong wind speeds in the morning will diminish through the day into the low teens. A northerly flow but wind direction continues to be determined by local topographic influences.</p> <p>Tuesday: Warmer and drier with a mix of sun and cloud. Temperatures in the low twenties, relative humidity values around 30% and light to moderate wind speeds of 10 to 15km/h.</p>
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	<p>In the areas where precipitation was received, the resulting fire behaviour is expected to be a smouldering surface fire with minimal rates of spread. In the areas where there was no precipitation, slow to moderately fast rates of spread should be expected on slope, wind or fuel driven fires. With the absence of precipitation, the more volatile fuel types will continue to exhibit torching to intermittent crown fire behaviour.</p>
<b>Other</b>	<p>An evacuation order has been issued by the Regional District of East Kootenay in the St. Mary Lake area from the west boundary of the City of Kimberley to the Redding Creek/St. Mary River convergence including St. Mary Lake Road and Lakefront Road.</p> <p>An evacuation alert has been issued by the Regional District of East Kootenay for the entire City of Kimberley Municipal Boundary, and properties in the RDEK directly south and southeast of the City of Kimberley Municipal Boundary.</p> <p>The evacuation alert issued August 11 by the Regional District of East Kootenay in the Ta Ta Creek area including west of the Kootenay River from 1.5 km south of Farstad Way Road to 2.5 km north of Woods Corner was <u>rescinded</u> yesterday at 18:30.</p> <p>For more information, please call the RDEK at 250 426-2188 or visit their website at: <a href="http://www.rdek.bc.ca">www.rdek.bc.ca</a></p>

**Definitions: Stages of Control**

- Out of Control:** 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.
- Being Held:** 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.
- Under Control:** Indicates that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
- Out:** Indicates that the fire has been extinguished.

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