



INCIDENT UPDATE

Monashee Complex

This information is current as of:	August 28, 2018
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Incident overview	<p>The Monashee Complex, which is in the drainages of Mabel and Sugar lakes from just south of Hwy 6 in the south to Three Valley Gap in the north, started with 27 fires and 12 are still considered active.</p> <p>Priority fires are assessed and evaluated based on their potential threat first to lives and safety, second to property and third to values like critical infrastructure and industry interests.</p>
Weather forecast	Temperatures today are expected to be cooler than initially forecast with highs reaching the high teens. Cloudy conditions with the possibility of precipitation later this afternoon.
Fire behavior prediction	Probability of ignition is <70 for most fuels types except slash types on all fires during peak burning. Smoke less likely to effect air operations. Weather station precipitation has been used where onsite readings have not been provided. No precipitation and sustained winds indicate potential for low to moderate vigour surface fires in closed fuel types with flame lengths < 1m.
Complex details	<p>There are 7 helicopters assigned to this entire complex and will be used interchangeably between wildfires, depending where they are needed.</p> <p>An IMT is in place managing the response operations to this complex of wildfires.</p> <p>Additional personnel from the Canadian Armed Forces are assisting with this complex.</p>
Other	<p>Two area restrictions for Crown land in the vicinity of the Mabel Creek wildfire and Sugar Mountain wildfire are in effect to help ensure the safety of the public and firefighting personnel, and to avoid interference with fire control activities.</p> <p>These area restriction orders will remain in place until Sept. 15, 2018, or until they are rescinded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Mabel Creek wildfire is about 47 kilometres east of Salmon Arm and currently covers about 1,861 hectares. <p>The Mabel Lake FSR road closure <u>has been lifted</u>. Rec Site closures for Cottonwood Beach Rec Site, Cascades Falls Rec Site and Johnston Bay Rec Reserve off of the Mabel Lake FSR <u>have been lifted</u>.</p> <p>The Mabel Creek area restriction order applies to Crown land within the geographic boundaries shown on the map at: http://ow.ly/Vluo30IAW3z</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Sugar Mountain wildfire is about 59 kilometres northeast of Vernon and currently covers about 332 hectares. <p>The Kate Creek FSR road closure has been lifted. Rec Site closures for Napisis Creek, Kate Lake Rec Site and Sugar Mountain Lookout Rec Site <u>remain closed</u>.</p> <p>The Sugar Mountain area restriction order applies to Crown land within the geographic boundaries shown on the map at: http://ow.ly/fg8030IAW55</p> <p>Under these orders and Section 11(2) of the Wildfire Act, a person must not remain in or enter the restricted areas</p>

without the prior written authorization of an official designated for the purposes of the Wildfire Act, unless the person enters the area only in the course of:

- travelling to or from his or her principal residence, that is not under an evacuation order;
- travelling to or from leased property for the purposes of accessing a secondary residence or recreational property, that is not under an evacuation order;
- travelling as a person acting in an official capacity;
- travelling for the purpose of supporting wildfire suppression activities;
- engaging and/or participating in agricultural activities pertaining to livestock management on private or leased property.

Definitions: Response

Full Response-Sustained	A wildfire which requires aggressive sustained suppression action until the fire is declared out. A wildfire that is not expected to be held from the time of detection to the end of the third burning period (72 hours).
Full Response-Modified Fire	A wildfire that is managed using a combination of suppression techniques, including direct and indirect attack as well as monitoring to steer, contain or otherwise manage fire activity within a pre-determined perimeter such that costs and/or damage are minimized and/or benefits from the fire are maximized.
Full Response-Monitor-Only fire	A wildfire that is observed and assessed to determine the response option required to minimize social disruption and/or significant value and resources impacts while achieving beneficial ecological, economic or resource management objectives.

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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