



INCIDENT UPDATE

Meachen Creek Complex

This information is current as of:	August 28, 2018	
Incident Commander (IC)	Joel Legasy	
Contact information	Information Officer today: Melanie Morin Phone: 819 441-7006 Email: melanie.morin@gov.bc.ca Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	This will be Melanie Morin’s last day as the site level Information Officer. As of tomorrow August 29, all public and media inquiries can be addressed to the Southeast Fire Centre: 250 365-4014 or 250 365-4056
Incident Command Post	Teck Cominco	
Incident overview	<p>A 22 person Incident Management Team from Ontario assumed command of the Meachen Creek Complex August 19. Today will be the Ontario IMT’s last fire line day. The day will be spent facilitating the transition to the new incoming Alberta IMT.</p> <p><u>The Meachen Creek Fire (N11886)</u> 9284 hectares in size (estimated) 21 firefighting personnel on site 4 helicopters are assigned to the complex 7 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 our operations staff estimated that the excursion in the Fiddler creek area totaled 211 hectares. The new perimeter, mapped by ground crews, now totals 9284 hectares. All containment lines have continued to hold in the northeast corner and there has been no further encroachment towards the St. Mary Lake community. This morning the division supervisor will do a reconnaissance flight to assess the progress of the overall operational objectives. Today’s objectives will be much the same as yesterday. 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 also continue 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>The fire perimeter was mapped yesterday by the operations staff. When the map becomes available it will be posted on the Wildfires of Note page.</p> <p><u>The Lost Dog Complex (N12314, N12419, N12420)</u> 714 hectares in size (mapped) 18 firefighting personnel on site 4 helicopters are signed to the complex 2 pieces of heavy equipment</p> <p>This wildfire is located approximately 14 kilometres north of Kimberley and is classified as Being Held.</p> <p>The smaller N12420 and N12419 fires are Under Control and in patrol stage and N12413 is considered as Being Held. Today crews will continue working the south flank headed west</p>	

	<p>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 4 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 showed no significant growth. The fire is approximately one and a half kilometers south of the Meachen Creek fire.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Tuesday: Mix of sun and cloud. Warmer and drier than Monday, temperatures in the low to mid twenties with relative humidity values likely dipping into the 20% range by peak burn. Winds are forecast to be from the west to southwest however local direction will be determined by topographic influence. Light winds early in the day building to sustained speeds of 15 to 25km/h gusting to 35km/h around peak burn.</p> <p>Wednesday: Like Tuesday, mix of sun and cloud seeing temperatures rise to the low to mid twenties with relative humidity values dropping to around 30%. Sustained afternoon winds from the southwest could once again reach 20km/h.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	<p>Following recent precipitation minimal fire behaviour with slow to non-existent rates of spread on level terrain. On slope, active behaviour remains a possibility with moderately slow rates of spread. Surface fuel values will rebound quickly in the days following the variable precipitation. Activity may pick up slightly as we approach peak burn, especially if elevated wind speeds materialize.</p>
Other	<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>For more information, please call the RDEK at 250 426-2188 or visit their website at: www.rdek.bc.ca</p>

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Meachen Creek & Lost Dog Wildfire Complex
Incident Management Team
August 18 to 28, 2018

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