

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	August 29, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 17,068 hectares in size. The increase in the fire perimeter size is due to an area increase in the north flank. 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. Community members can still expect to see smoke within the perimeter over the coming weeks. This is common with large wildfires and will continue until the region receives significant rainfall or snowfall. If smoke is seen coming from well within a fire's perimeter and the area is surrounded by black, burned material, this is typically not a concern</p> <p>This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. For information please visit the BC Parks website at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Occasional cloud periods with a slight chance (20%) of showers, with totals not expected above 2mm. High temperatures 13 C and low RH near 44%. Winds becoming W 30 gusting to 50 km/h by afternoon. A stable airmass through the morning may not break until late afternoon, when the upper trough moves across the region.</p> <p>Tonight: Overnight low near 4 C and RH recovery to near 75%. Winds diminishing to W 20 km/h starting after 18:00.</p> <p>Outlook: The upper trough moves east of the region on Thursday, leaving the fire area in a drier northwest flow. At the surface a tighter pressure gradient will give light to moderate west to southwest winds. Temperatures will cool by near 2 degrees. Friday will see similar conditions. A more zonal flow on Saturday will bring temperatures one or two degrees warmer with light to moderate westerly winds. RH values will fall into the 30-40% range each day.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	Moderate to fresh winds today will begin to dry out fuels, raising the FFMC and ISI. Moderate to fast rates of spread are possible with the higher wind speeds, even in areas that have had decent rainfall (10mm). 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.
Challenges	The steep terrain at the Barrington drainage continues to challenge crews.
Yesterday's achievements	Fire was patrolled by the air and minimal fire activity was observed.
Today's objectives	No crews will be on Snowy today. However, it will be monitored by resources assigned to the Old Tom Creek fire. Sprinkler system is still set up in the Barrington drainage. If required, crews will start up the system.

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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