



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Old Tom Creek (K52670)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 30, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Keremeos
<b>Incident overview</b>	<p>This fire was discovered on August 15, since then ground crews, helicopters, air tankers and heavy equipment have been assigned to this fire. The current size of the fire is estimated at 1,025 has. This wildfire is classified as out of control.</p> <p>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>
<b>Weather forecast</b>	<p><b>Today:</b> A mix of sun and cloud. Winds becoming W to NW 15 to 20 km/h by midday. Afternoon gusts 30 to 40 km/h. Minimum RH near 30% and high temperature near 16 C. 10% chance of a shower.</p> <p><b>Tonight:</b> Minimum temperatures around 8 degrees and maximum RH recovery to near 75%.</p> <p><b>Outlook:</b> On Friday a fairly dry WNW flow aloft will give mainly sunny skies. Only a few cloudy periods likely during the day. Highs temperatures in the mid to upper teens and minimum RH around 30%. Gusty westerly winds developing in the afternoon.</p>
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	Afternoon gusts may eventuate again this afternoon, but not as strong as yesterday. This will assist in drying out the fuels further. Surface spread may pick up today, particularly on the slopes where fuels are exposed and beginning to dry out. Slow/moderate rates of spread are predicted for the slash and grass fuel areas, with creeping surface fires anticipated in the standing forests. The underlying indices are still high, so any increases in wind will create the potential for fire behaviour to pick up, with moderate rates of spreads in grass and slash.
<b>Challenges</b>	Between the patchy spots and the steep terrain throughout the fire, it is making suppression efforts difficult.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	Danger tree assessing and falling continues throughout the fire. Blacklining along handguards and mopping up throughout the areas that is accessible to the crews.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Continue establishing control lines using equipment or building handguards on the SE and E flanks, followed up by mop up and patrol.

### 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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