



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	August 31, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	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 Being Held. 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
Weather forecast	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 35% and high temperature near 16 C. 10 – 20% chance of a shower. Tonight: Low temperatures around 7 C with good RH recovery expected around 70 to 75%. Outlook: Saturday will bring little change in the weather pattern. A mix of sun and cloud with some gusty W to NW winds developing in the afternoon. A high temperature around 15 C and minimum RH around 35 to 40%. There is a high chance of dry conditions prevailing for the next couple of days. There is little (if any) chance of showers. Winds may rise in the afternoon each day, with gusts possible up to 30 or 40 km/h. Gusts may be stronger at higher elevations of the fire.
Fire behavior prediction	Fuels have had a good chance to start drying out after some windy afternoons. Low RH tomorrow will help to further the drying, and start to make fuels available for burning. Surface spread may pick up today, particularly on the slopes and open areas where fuels are exposed and beginning to dry out. Wind gusts may result in flare ups with slow/moderate rates of spread. Creeping surface fires are anticipated in the standing forests.
Challenges	Difficult terrain with steep slopes and loose material. Patchy fire spread making mop up slow.
Yesterday's achievements	Good day with water supply to the majority of the fire ground. Danger tree assessment was completed along the southern flank. A 50 to 100ft mop up is well underway.
Today's objectives	Continue mop up operations along the southern and eastern flanks. Crews will continue patrolling the northern flank of the fire. Danger tree assessment is ongoing.

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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