



WILDFIRE UPDATE

Placer Mountain Fire (K61241)

Location: Approx. 37 km south of Princeton.

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: 2,336 hectares—indicative of growth from July 31st

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 102 firefighters, 9 helicopters, 3 water tenders and 4 pieces of heavy equipment. Resources are being shared with the Snowy Mountain Fire.

Objectives: Crews continue to construct guard from the SE corner of the fire to the scree slope above the Ashnola Road. Crews will conduct burn-offs if possible and if safe on the south flank of the fire. On the west flank, crews have tied the fire perimeter into an existing burn scar from a former wildfire. Crews continue to mop-up 100 feet within the perimeter.

Structural Protection (SPU): A structural protection specialist team has finalized the Cathedral Lakes Lodge structural protection plan as and installed sprinklers and pumps.

Snowy Mountain Fire (K51238)

Location: Approx. 14 km south of Keremeos

Date of Discovery: July 17, 2018

Fire Size: 6,594 hectares—will increase today once mapping is conducted of the overnight and early morning growth

Status: Out of Control

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 40 firefighters, 3 helicopters and 2 pieces of heavy equipment. Additional helicopters are being shared from the Placer Mountain Fire, and airtankers will assist today to reinforce containment lines at the valley bottom on the east flank (the area adjacent to the Lower Similkameen Indian Band).

Objectives: BC Wildfire Service crews worked overnight on the east flank of the fire above Keremeos and Cawston, where they saw continued fire activity in steep terrain and coming down in the creek draws. In some areas, rank 3-4 fire behaviour was reported overnight and continues currently into the morning with unexpected and very strong winds. This fire activity is very visible to residents of Cawston, Keremeos, and the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. The objective for today is to strategically place crews in the operable terrain areas, where they are conducting burn-offs on the east flank and in creek draws if safe conditions allow to remove remaining fuel in order to stop the fire's advance to the valley bottom. Structural protection crews remain onsite.



Placer Mountain Fire



Crews at staging: Snowy Mountain Fire —Aug. 01, 2018

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Remember that a Campfire Prohibition is in place throughout the Kamloops Fire Centre.

For more information go to: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/Bans.asp>

To report a Wildfire call: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your cell

To call in a violation of the prohibition (if you do not consider the violation an immediate threat) you can call:

Report all Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) at 1-877-952-7277 or #7277.

Fire Weather











Hot, dry trend continues, possible isolated thundershower and slightly cooler temperatures overall.

Thursday: mainly sunny, though patchy afternoon cloud with a slight risk of a thunderstorm could develop. High temperature near 28—30 and minimum RH near 20-25%. Winds south to southwest to 20 km/h. expected in the afternoon, though the morning saw unexpected northerly winds up to 30 km/hr.

Friday: temperatures expected to be low to mid 20s, with RH 25%. There is a chance of showers forecast for the day, with winds coming from the west up to 20 km/hr.

Looking ahead: the week ahead may hold some cooler temperatures and rain showers through the weekend, with a mix of sun and clouds. The extended forecast is calling for a return to warm and dry temperatures by next week, which could prove a challenge to wildfire suppression efforts in areas that do not receive rain in the next few days.

Public Weather—Princeton

Thu 2 Aug	Fri 3 Aug	Sat 4 Aug	Sun 5 Aug	Mon 6 Aug	Tue 7 Aug	Wed 8 Aug
 26°C	 21°C 30%	 26°C	 27°C	 29°C	 30°C	 29°C
Mainly sunny	Chance of showers	A mix of sun and cloud	A mix of sun and cloud	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Tonight	Night	Night	Night	Night	Night	
 12°C	 9°C	 10°C	 12°C	 16°C	 16°C	
Partly cloudy	Cloudy periods	Cloudy periods	Clear	Clear	Clear	

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Alerts and Orders

July 29, 2018 14:30—Evacuation Alert For 4 Properties (2 Addresses) on Chopaka Road in Electoral “B”

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Emergency Operations Centre (RDOS EOC) is issuing an Evacuation Alert due to the threat of the Snowy Mtn. Protected Area wildfire K51238 in the vicinity of Cawston in Electoral Area “B” and adjacent to the Lower Similkameen Indian Band. The Alert is for the following properties along Chopaka Road: 1050 and 1101.

July 31, 2018 18:00—Evacuation Alert for 481 Properties in Keremeos and Cawston

The precautionary Evacuation Alert includes all homes south and west of Highway 3 from 1143 Highway 3, south of Cawston, to the Fas Gas Plus service station at 3163 Highway 3, west of Keremeos. This includes selected homes within Electoral Area “B”, Electoral Area “G” and the Village of Keremeos closest to the Snow Mountain wildfire. [See RDOS for details.](#)

Aug 01, 2018—Smalqmix (Lower Similkameen Indian Band) Expanded evacuation alerts. citizens can contact their band office at <https://www.lsib.net/> for any updates.

Aug 01, 2018—Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected Area,

There is an evacuation order for Cathedral Park Lodge and access routes within the vicinity. The BC Wildfire Service has recommended a closure of Cathedral Provincial Park to BC Parks. Please refer to [BC Parks](#) for updates.

Aug. 01, 2018 10:00—Evacuation Order for Cathedral Lakes Lodge

Under a State of Local Emergency in RDOS Electoral Area “G”, an Evacuation Order has been issued for Cathedral Lakes Lodge. [See RDOS for full details.](#)

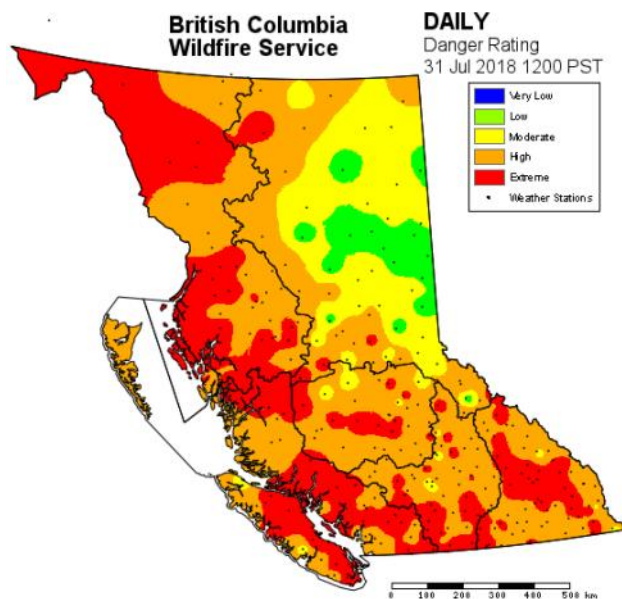
Aug. 01, 2018 19:00—Evacuation Alert for Crown Land in the Cawston Area

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen issued an expanded precautionary Evacuation Alert area to include Crown Land/Snowy Mountain Protected Area to prepare for pre-emptive cattle relocation.

Aug. 02, 2018 08:00—Evacuation Order for Lower Similkameen Indian Band

Precautionary evacuation order recommendation for five properties on the Lower Similkameen Indian Band due to increased fire behaviour on the east flank.

Fire Danger Rating:



HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Link to Wildfire of Note: <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=699>

Drifting Smoke: www.bcairquality.ca/bluesky/west/index.html

Smoke Health Concerns: HealthLink BC | dial 8-1-1 | www.healthlinkbc.ca/kbaltindex.asp