



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Placer Mountain (K61241)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 05, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	Princeton Fire Base
<b>Incident overview</b>	Placer Mountain wildfire is estimated at 2,372.0 hectares in size and is classified as out of control. There are 12 helicopters assigned to this complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires.
<b>Weather forecast</b>	Today we will see mainly sunny skies with a 20% chance of afternoon thunderstorms. In the valley bottom, temperatures will reach the high twenties and northwesterly winds are expected to gust up to 10-20 km/h. Winds are anticipated to switch direction to the northeast by this afternoon.
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	Fire will be either a creeping or running surface fire when in timber and open areas. Where wind and slope align, fire behaviour will exhibit a surface to intermittent crown behaviour. Smouldering fire behaviour expected on this wildfire, where precipitation occurred.
<b>Challenges</b>	Crews continue to be challenged by the steep terrain on this wildfire. Rattlesnakes are present in some areas as well.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	Firefighters had a successful day yesterday mopping-up and patrolling. This fire is 90% contained.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Today, crews will continue to patrol and mop-up. If conditions cooperate, crews will also conduct burning operations on the southeast corner in order to remove remaining fuels. If this burning operation commences, crews will be supported by helicopters.
<b>Other</b>	BC Parks has closed the Cathedral Provincial Park and Protected Area due to ongoing wildfire activity, for complete information on the closure please refer to <a href="#">BC Parks</a> . BC Wildfire Service has recommended that the alert for the Cathedral Lakes Lodge become an evacuation order due to road access and smoky conditions. For complete information, please refer to the <a href="#">Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen</a> . An Area Restriction Order was put in place as of noon, July 28th, 2018, for Crown land in the vicinity of Placer Lake to protect public safety and the safety of firefighting personnel. For a map of the affected areas, please see: <a href="http://ow.ly/psS730I9Wf9">http://ow.ly/psS730I9Wf9</a>

### 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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