



INCIDENT UPDATE

Placer Mountain (K61241)

This information is current as of:	August 06, 2018
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Fire camp	Princeton Fire Base
Incident overview	Placer Mountain wildfire is estimated at 2,372.0 hectares in size and is classified as out of control. There are 11 helicopters assigned to the entire complex that are being interchanged amongst the two wildfires (the other wildfire being Snowy Mountain).
Weather forecast	Today will bring mainly sunny skies with the valley bottom having northwesterly winds gusting 10-20 km/h and temperatures near 34 degrees. For higher elevations, temperatures will reach 25 degrees and there will be westerly winds at 15-25 km/h. The upper ridge will persist Tuesday through until Thursday, which will increase temperatures at all elevations.
Fire behavior prediction	The fire on Placer Mountain will be a creeping to running surface fire today, depending on what areas received precipitation.
Challenges	Crews continue to be challenged by the steep terrain on this wildfire. Rattlesnakes are present in some areas as well.
Yesterday's achievements	Firefighters had a successful day yesterday mopping-up and patrolling. Crews, with the support of helicopters, were able to burn-off.
Today's objectives	Today, crews will continue to focus their efforts on patrolling and mopping-up, specifically on the northwest and northeast areas. Conditions permitting, firefighters will carry out another burn operation in the southeast area again in order to remove further fuels. Helicopters will be available to support ground crews during this potential burn operation.
Other	This fire has made significant progress in the past while, due to weather conditions and hard work done by crews. The 90% containment figure is a reflection of this success.

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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