



# INCIDENT UPDATE

## Mabel Creek (K41813)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	August 8, 2018
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<b>Fire camp</b>	A camp has not been established at this time.
<b>Incident overview</b>	The area of this fire has been mapped at 200 hectares There are 15 BCWS fire fighters, and 2 danger tree assessors along with Tolko staff and their 7 pieces of equipment on the suppression of this wildfire. There are also 7 helicopters are available as needed. This wildfire is classified as out of control
<b>Weather forecast</b>	The weather forecast for today is for mainly sunny skies with highs of 27 degrees and relative humidity at 28 percent. Overnight temperatures 15 to 18 degrees. The winds are estimated to be west to southwest, 10 to 20 km/hr.
<b>Fire behavior prediction</b>	There will be potential for significant fire growth if there are new starts. Fires will be surface fires but starts in continuous grass fuels will potentially grow to 20 ha in 30 minutes during peak burning periods. Temperature and fuels indicate slow fire spread; however, steep slopes and winds aligning with the slope would result in significant runs.
<b>Challenges</b>	With the drying trend and higher temperature there is increased fire behaviour. This fire is where there are heavy fuels and closed canopies that can be challenging if there are flare ups. Steep terrain is also an issue, and burning debris has been rolling over containment lines. Safety of the crews is the number one priority.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	The machine guard is almost complete and the crews are working towards containment.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	This wildfire crossed Mabel creek yesterday. Today, crews will continue to build guard and establishing hoselay for wetlining along the south flank to decrease the possibility of this wildfire crossing into the major drainage located west of this wildfire.
<b>Other</b>	An Area Restriction Order was put in place at 16:00 PDT on August 4, 2018 and remains in force until the earlier of 12:00 noon (PDT). The Order is for Crown land in the vicinity of Mabel Lake. The Order was put in place to address a public safety concern arising from the Mabel Creek Wildfire (K41813) and in order to avoid interference with fire control.

**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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