



INCIDENT UPDATE

Sugar Mountain (K41791)

This information is current as of:	August 9, 2018
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Fire camp	A camp has not been established at this time.
Incident overview	<p>The area of this fire is estimated to be 170 hectares There are BCWS operations staff and industry personnel and equipment working on this fire. There are 7 helicopters and 7 pieces of heavy equipment available as needed.</p> <p>Smoke will be highly visible from this fire. This wildfire is classified as out of control.</p>
Weather forecast	The weather forecast for today is mainly sunny skies with highs reaching 30°C. Estimated winds are west - southwest 10-20 km/h. Thursday continued hot and dry with temperatures in the mid-thirties to near forty degrees, and light to moderate southwest winds. By Friday the ridge is expected to start breaking down, bringing strong winds. Saturday temperatures cool into the twenties.
Fire behavior prediction	Fire behaviour has been elevated in the afternoons due to slope and wind. Wind along the lakes has been tending to go upslope from the lakes to the fire locations. This will continue to be the trend. Fire spread seems to be slow however with steep slopes and wind aligning with the slope, significant runs are possible.
Challenges	The fire behaviour tends to be more active in the afternoon and this is partially due to slopes and winds. The fire is located in an area where there are heavy fuels and closed canopies that can be challenging if there are flare ups. The steep terrain is also an issue.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews are now 40 to 50 percent complete building guard on the east flank.
Today's objectives	The equipment task force team will continue with machine guard construction.
Other	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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