



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	September 11, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<p>This fire was discovered on August 15, since then ground crews, helicopters, air tankers and heavy equipment have been assigned to this fire.</p> <p>The current size of the fire is estimated at 1,130ha. This wildfire is classified as Being Held.</p> <p>Community members can still expect to see smoke within the perimeter over the coming weeks. This is common with large wildfires and will continue until the region receives significant rainfall or snowfall. If smoke is seen coming from well within a fire's perimeter and the area is surrounded by black, burned material, this is typically not a concern.</p>
Weather forecast	<p>Becoming mainly cloudy with isolated showers by afternoon. High temperature 8 C and minimum RH 61%. Winds W 15-25 km/h.</p> <p>TONIGHT: Mainly cloudy. Isolated showers beginning near 18:00 and ending by morning. Low temperature 2 C and RH recovery to 95%. Winds W 15-25 km/h diminishing after midnight to light and variable by morning.</p> <p>TOMORROW: Mainly cloudy with scattered showers beginning near 14:00 and a slight risk of thunderstorms. High temperature 8 C and low RH near 56%. Winds W-SW 10-20 km/h. Overnight low near 0 C and RH recovery to near 100%. Winds W 10-20 km/h.</p> <p>Outlook: Unstable airmass with isolated to scattered showers. At the same time a surface high will be pushing cooler air toward the region. Similar conditions will prevail for Thursday and Friday.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	The region will be in a cool and unstable airmass through the period giving unsettled conditions and varying amounts of rainfall. Overnight temperatures may fall below freezing tomorrow night. Nocturnal inversion not expected due to winds and cloud cover.
Challenges	Steep slopes, danger trees and rolling debris along the scree slopes.
Yesterday's achievements	Machine guard on the SW flank has been completed. Crews continue to demob gear along the east and southeast flank.
Today's objectives	Crews continue to do direct attack on the flanks of the fire where suppression action is required. Demob equipment where necessary.

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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