

## Cool Creek (K62690)

<b>This information is current as of:</b>	September 12, 2018
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<b>Incident overview</b>	<p>This wildfire is estimated at 13,626 hectares in size and is classified as Being Held. Area change is a result of growth on the north flank late last week and updated mapping. This incident was a holdover lightning strike detected on August 15th. Due to limited visibility with smoke coverage in the area, the size of the fire was estimated at 100ha at time of detection. There was a limited initial response due to the fire burning in an isolated area with no priority values at risk and no opportunity for heavy equipment resources to be deployed. This fire has joined with fires K62691 and K62695.</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> <p>The Area Restriction was rescinded effective August 30 at 12:00 PDT. For further information regarding evacuation alerts, please visit the RDOS <a href="https://www.rdos.bc.ca/home/">https://www.rdos.bc.ca/home/</a>. The south flank of this fire is located within the Cathedral Lake provincial park. For more information please visit the BC Parks website at: <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/cathedral/">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/cathedral/</a>.</p>
<b>Weather forecast</b>	<p><b>TODAY:</b> Mainly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight risk of thunderstorms. High temperature 6 C and low RH near 65%. Winds W 10-20 km/h. Overnight low near 0 C and RH recovery to near 90%. Winds W 10-20 km/h.</p> <p><b>OUTLOOK:</b> The trough remains stagnant over the region through Saturday, with an unstable airmass and isolated to scattered showers. Temperatures will be cooling into the lower single digits each day and light winds will prevail – southwest on Thursday becoming more northwest on Friday and Saturday.</p>
<b>Synopsis</b>	The upper low that has been the predominant weather feature recently is dropping to a position off Vancouver Island by this afternoon and the region will be in a cool and unstable airmass. This will allow isolated showers or thunderstorms to form this afternoon. The low will dissipate by tomorrow afternoon and the upper trough will be over the fire area with more instability, showers and isolated thunderstorms, along with cooler temperatures.
<b>Challenges</b>	Access is challenged due to the remoteness and lack of roads in the area of the fire. Steep slopes, danger trees and rolling debris along the scree slopes.
<b>Yesterday's achievements</b>	Mop up continued on all flanks and ground crews extinguished hot spots found along the control line.
<b>Today's objectives</b>	Overnight, the fire received 5mm of rain and this morning the temperature was 3 degrees. Crews will extinguish hot spots as they are found and demob gear where necessary.

### Definitions: Stages of Control

<b>Out of Control:</b>	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.
<b>Being Held:</b>	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.
<b>Under Control:</b>	Indicates that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
<b>Out:</b>	Indicates that the fire has been extinguished.

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