



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	September 13, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This fire was discovered on August 15, since then ground crews, helicopters, air tankers and heavy equipment have been assigned to this fire. The current size of the fire is estimated at 1,380ha. Area change is a result of growth on the north flank late last week and updated mapping. This wildfire is classified as Being Held. 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.
Weather forecast	<p>TODAY: Mainly cloudy with isolated showers. High temperature 4 C and low RH near 69%. Winds becoming W 10-20 km/h during the morning and strengthening to W-NW 15-25 G35 km/h by early afternoon. Overnight low near -1 C and RH recovery to near 90%. Winds diminishing to W 10-20 km/h after 18:00</p> <p>OUTLOOK: The trough remains the primary weather system through the weekend, with showers occurring each day. The surface high weakens and retreats each day, allowing temperatures to begin to warm a degree or two, although still remaining in the teens through the period. Light and variable winds can be expected.</p>
Synopsis	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.
Challenges	Steep slopes, danger trees and rolling debris along the scree slopes.
Yesterday's achievements	Crews demob gear off the fire and returned to the warehouse in Keremeos.
Today's objectives	Demob the remaining gear from the fire. This afternoon, the fire will be turned over to the Pentiction zone. After today's operational period, this fire will be in a patrol and monitor status and managed from the Pentiction zone.

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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