

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	September 6, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 17,670 hectares in size. The fire activity remains within the identified fire analysis area the status of this fire remains Being Held. This means we do not expect the fire to spread beyond this determined area. This fire is located in the Snowy Protected Area. For information please visit the BC Parks website at http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy .
Weather forecast	NORTH FLANK Mainly sunny today with high temperatures of 25 C and low RH near 18%. Winds SW 5-15 km/h becoming W 10-20 km/h by late afternoon. Light winds may give greater variability in direction, and winds may also be influenced by day time heating / cooling. Nocturnal inversion to 1300 metres with a breakdown temperature of 22 C. Tonight: Overnight low near 10 C and RH recovery to near 50%. Winds becoming W 20 by 21:00. Outlook: The ridge will be out of the region on Friday and an upper trough along the coast will rotate inland. Fire areas may receive little or no precipitation (possible 1mm or less). Temperatures will cool into the teens on Friday and winds will be light to moderate southwest. As the trough weakens on Saturday the showers will dissipate, leaving cooler temperatures and light southwest winds. The next upper low moves closer to the coast on Sunday with temperatures reaching near twenty degrees and light to moderate southwest winds. SNEHUMPTION: Mainly sunny. High temperature 23 C (73 F) and low RH near 21%. Winds SW 5-15 km/h (3-9 mi/h) becoming W 10-20 km/h (6 -12 mi/h) by late afternoon. Light winds may give greater variability in direction, and winds may also be influenced by day time heating / cooling. Nocturnal inversion to 1900 metres (6233 ft) with a breakdown temperature of 14 C (57 F). Tonight: Overnight low near 6 C (43 F) and RH recovery to near 50%. Winds SW 10-20 km/h (6 -12 mi/h). Outlook: The ridge will be out of the region on Friday and an upper trough along the coast will rotate inland. Fire areas may receive little or no precipitation (less than 1mm). Temperatures will cool into the teens on Friday and winds will be light to moderate southwest. As the trough weakens on Saturday the showers will dissipate, leaving cooler temperatures and light southwest winds. The next upper low moves closer to the coast on Sunday with temperatures reaching near twenty degrees and light to moderate southwest winds.
Fire behavior prediction	NORTH FLANK: This afternoon temperatures and RH have potential to cross over. Fire behaviour is likely to be more vigorous than yesterday, as the RH has been low and overnight recovery has been poor/moderate for a couple of nights now. There is likely to be increased ignition potential, and very fast to extremely fast rates of spread under the dry conditions. Surface fires are likely to be very vigorous during the day, with continuous crowning possible in the C-3, and intermittent crowning in the C-7. Poor to moderate overnight RH recovery (50%) is forecast for Wednesday night. Fire behaviour may pick up in the fine fuels early in the morning. SNEHUMPTION: This afternoon temperatures and RH have potential to cross over. Fire behaviour is likely to be more vigorous than yesterday, as the RH has been low and overnight recovery has been poor/moderate for a couple of nights now. There is likely to be increased ignition potential, and fast to very fast rates of spread under the dry conditions. Surface fires are likely to be very vigorous at the peak of the day, with torching and intermittent crowning common. Poor to moderate overnight RH recovery (50%) is forecast for Wednesday night. Fire behaviour may pick up in the fine fuels early in the morning.
Challenges	Steep, difficult terrain and a large geographical area
Yesterday's achievements	NORTH FLANK: Bullock Creek burn went very well. Crews patrolled overnight SNEHUMPTION: BCWS crew and support buckets working this area.
Today's objectives	NORTH FLANK: Black line 50-100' in Bullock Creek with BCWS crews using sprinklers and hose lay. SNEHUMPTION: BCWS crew are DTF and cutting a fuel free line establishing a 50-100' black line from Snuhumption Creek south upslope.

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.