

Snowy Mountain (K51238)

This information is current as of:	September 7, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	This wildfire is estimated at 17,565 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. The BC Wildfire Service continues to monitor and respond to the Snowy Mountain fire. 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. 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	<p>NORTH FLANK Today: Increasing cloud with isolated showers late in the day and a slight chance of a late day thunderstorm. High temperature 21 C and low RH near 28%. Winds diminishing to light and variable during the morning and strengthening to W 15-25 G 35 by late afternoon. Nocturnal inversion to 1200 metres with a breakdown temperature of 22 C. 30% chance of up to 3mm.</p> <p>Tonight: Overnight low near 6 C and RH recovery to near 95%. Winds diminishing to W 10-20 km/h after 21:00.</p> <p>Outlook: The trough will have rotated out of the region on Saturday, leaving a weak ridge, and only a few lingering showers will remain. Temperatures will be in the teens with light southwest winds. Sunday will be similar with temperatures dropping one or two degrees. The next system will approach on Monday and showers will occur. Temperatures will again be in the low teens. Winds will be light to moderate southwest.</p> <p>SNEHUMPTION: Today: Increasing cloud with isolated showers late in the day and a slight chance of a late day thunderstorm. High temperature 18 C (66 F) and low RH near 33%. Winds SW 10-20 km/h (6-12 mi/h) becoming W 20-30 G 45 km/h (12-18 G 28 mi/h) by 17:00. Nocturnal inversion to 1800 metres (5905 ft) with a breakdown temperature of 14 C (57 F). 30% chance of up to 3mm.</p> <p>Tonight: Overnight low near 4 C (39 F) and RH recovery to near 90%. Winds SW 15-25 G 35 km/h (9-15 G 21 mi/h). Winds show little diminishment overnight.</p> <p>Outlook: The trough will have rotated out of the region on Saturday, leaving a weak ridge, and only a few lingering showers will remain. Temperatures will be in the teens with light southwest winds. Sunday will be similar with temperatures dropping one or two degrees. The next system will approach on Monday and showers will occur. Temperatures will again be in the low teens. Winds will be light to moderate southwest.</p>
Fire behavior prediction	<p>NORTH FLANK: The peak of the day is anticipated around 13:00, when winds should be light and variable. Thunderstorms could have the potential to create gusty and erratic winds through the afternoon / evening. Down drafts could increase wind speeds and rate of spread. Fire behaviour around 17:00 is anticipated to be moderated by the higher RH. Surface fires could pick up around midday while the RH is still low, although light and variable winds should result in slow to moderate rates of spread, and limit spread to the surface fuels. Poor to moderate overnight RH recovery (60%) is forecast for Thursday night. Fire behaviour may pick up in the fine fuels early in the morning.</p> <p>SNEHUMPTION: Thunderstorms could have the potential to create gusty and erratic winds through the afternoon / evening. Down drafts could increase wind speeds and rate of spread. Stronger winds today are likely to result in fast rates of spread, despite the raised RH and cooler temperatures. Surface fires are likely to be very vigorous, with continuous crowning possible in the C-3, and intermittent crowning in the C-7. Fire behaviour may pick up in the fine fuels early in the morning after another night of moderate RH recovery.</p>
Challenges	Steep, difficult terrain and a large geographical area
Yesterday's achievements	<p>NORTH FLANK: monitored Bullock Creek and black line up to 100' of the perimeter</p> <p>SNEHUMPTION: crews built hand guards and used air support to strengthen control lines</p>
Today's objectives	<p>NORTH FLANK: continue mopping up the black line 100' in Bullock Creek and monitor fire in the higher elevation.</p> <p>SNEHUMPTION: BCWS crew are DTF and cutting a fuel free line establishing a 50-100' black line from Snuhumption Creek south upslope.</p>

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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