



INCIDENT UPDATE

Old Tom Creek (K52670)

This information is current as of:	September 9, 2018
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Fire camp	Keremeos
Incident overview	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 1,130ha. 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	Variable cloud with a 20% chance of a shower or thunderstorm. High temperature 13 C and minimum RH 47%. Winds light SE becoming SW 15 km/h this afternoon. TONIGHT: Mainly cloudy with a 20% chance of a shower or thunderstorm. Low temperature 2 C and RH recovery to 80%. Winds becoming W 20 km/h by midnight then diminishing to light and variable by morning. TOMORROW: Mainly cloudy. Isolated late day showers or thunderstorms. High temperature 12 C and low RH near 54%. Winds light SW-SE during the day and strengthening to W 10-20 km/h near 18:00. Overnight low near 4 C and RH recovery to near 80%. Winds W 10-20 km/h. Outlook: Temperatures through the period will only reach into the single digits each afternoon and winds will be light southwest on Monday and Tuesday. Rainfall amounts today and tomorrow are expected to be less than 1 mm.
Fire behavior prediction	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. Nocturnal inversion not expected, but air mass will be stable to 1600 metres. Good overnight RH recovery (90%) is forecast for Sunday night.
Challenges	Steep slopes, challenging terrain
Yesterday's achievements	Yesterday's cooler and wetter weather helped crews make progress on this fire. They were able to perform direct attack strategies and tactics, which enabled them to successfully mop up containment lines.
Today's objectives	Continue to patrol north flank and extinguish any hot spots within 100 ft of perimeter.

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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