



FIRE NAME

Keremeos Creek (K50863)

FIRE SIZE:

6836 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

282 wildland firefighters are assigned to this fire working with an additional 145 structural protection personnel from fire departments across BC for a total crew complement of 427 firefighters. Structure protection apparatus includes 15 fire engines and 14 water tenders. 17 helicopters and 44 pieces of heavy equipment are also assigned.

UPDATES:

Status: Conditions remained favourable overnight, and crews continued patrols, hotspotting and mop-up in the interface, Highway 3A and along key sections of the guard. Burning debris continues to fall overnight and be promptly actioned where safe to do so.

With cooler temperatures, higher humidity and light and spotty precipitation, fire behaviour should be much more subdued today and remain so until drying conditions return possibly after the weekend. Today will be cloudy with spotty showers or thunderstorms beginning by afternoon. Dry lightning could move through the region today. The max temperature is forecast at 26 C with a minimum RH of 30%. Winds are expected to be generally light however there may be strong gusts of wind and downdrafts triggered by the anticipated thunderstorms.

Assignments: Established control lines are holding well. The fire continues to grow slowly where it is not contained in the more inaccessible areas of the fire. Crews continue to apply direct attack and indirect attack operations to achieve containment of the Keremeos Creek wildfire. They are working to encircle the fire along the western and northern flanks given the stable containment lines on the southern and eastern sides of the fire. Planned ignitions did not proceed yesterday because of the effects of precipitation and cooler conditions on the target areas. Key work areas today remain Olalla FSR, Green Mountain Road to the north, Hedges Butte, Keremeos Creek FSR, Winter Creek, the Apex Mountain Resort area, Cedar Creek, and Dividend Mountain.

A key objective today continues to be reducing impacts to the public in a timely fashion. This requires completing mop-up operations in the wildland - urban interface to facilitate the safe return of residents to their homes. No structures have been impacted over the last 24 hours.

Drone-operated thermal scanning was carried out overnight to assist crews in eliminating hotspots along the Highway 3A corridor. These activities are helping facilitate the return of evacuees and the reopening of this travel corridor. We are working with MOTI (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure) to mitigate fire impacts and risks prior to re-opening roads. The BCWS Structure Protection Branch continues to protect properties in all areas of concern at the fire's edge. Night operations continue with both wildland and structural crews patrolling and mopping up as needed.



K50863—August 7, Helicopter collecting water with arm.

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

BC Wildfire Service has worked with the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, Village of Keremeos, Penticton Indian Band, Lower Similkameen Indian Band and Okanagan Nation Alliance to provide information to keep residents safe.

Recommendations for Evacuation Orders and Alerts are based on current and forecasted conditions to proactively keep people safe, and so BCWS can actively work the fire. For more information about Evacuation Orders and Alerts go to: [Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen](#), [Village of Keremeos](#), and [Penticton Indian Band](#).

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FORECAST:

SYNOPSIS: An upper low off the northern California coast TUESDAY will be giving the region a southerly flow. In the flow will be subtropical moisture. The moisture reaches most of the region tomorrow as the low is positioned off the Washington coast. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms are forecast to start by this afternoon, moving in from the south. Dry lightning is possible. The low will be off Vancouver Island Friday with showers or thunderstorms expected. Temperatures will cool slightly, and winds will be light south to southeast.

Wednesday: Scattered showers or thunderstorms. MAX TEMP 26C. MIN RH 30%.

Thursday: Cloudy periods with a risk of late day thunderstorms. MAX TEMP 25C. MIN RH 50%.

OUTLOOK: Convectively unsettled Friday with cooler temps on Friday. Clearing on Saturday with further cooling.

Safety for Our Crews

We would like to ask all residents that if they are driving on **ANY** roads in the vicinity of the Keremeos Creek Wildfire to slow down. Crews and equipment are being moved using roads in the area. Please slow down and stay alert!

Honour House

We are often asked how the public can help the crews. The BC Wildfire Service does not accept donations for many reasons (pre-existing contracts, Covid restrictions, etc.), however, if you are looking for a long term way to support our crews please consider Honour House. Honour House is described as a "home away from home" for members of our Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans, Emergency Service Personnel and their families to stay, completely free of charge, while they are receiving medical care and treatment. This includes BC Wildfire Service personnel and their families. You can learn more about Honour House and what they offer by visiting their website at www.honourhouse.ca or an alternative is the [Canadian Fallen Fighter Foundation](http://www.canadianfallenfighterfoundation.ca).

Thank you!

Helpful Resources

A great resource for anyone on evacuation alert is the FireSmart's

[Last-Minute Checklist for Protecting Your Home and Property from Wildfire:](#)

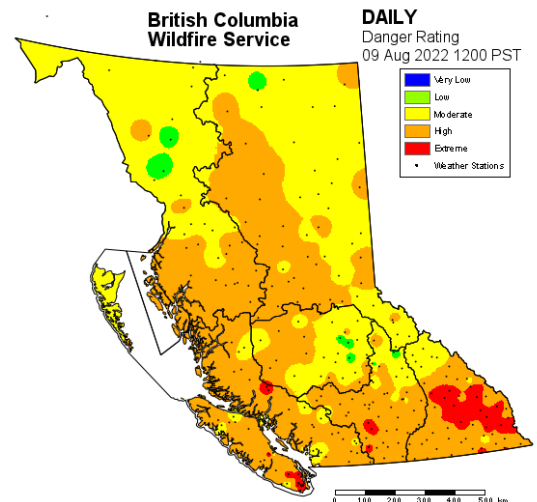


BC Wildfire App:

The official BC Wildfire Service mobile app is available for free download in the [App Store](#) and on [Google Play](#).

Additional information is provided in the [BCWS Mobile App Reference Guide](#).

FIRE DANGER RATING



Spot a wildfire, smoke or illegal fire activity? Call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on your cellphone.

