



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

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EOC Update – Snowy Mountain and Old Tom Creek Wildfires

The RDOS wants to ensure the residents of the Keremeos area that the BC Wildfire crews, Keremeos Fire Department crews and RDOS EOC continue to monitor and action the two wildfires north and south of Keremeos. The thick smoke in the area over the last few days, has decreased visibility and inhibited air support to wildfire crews. The smoke is expected to ease slightly today, which will allow air support to resume.

Snowy Mountain Wildfire

The fire moved west around the established guard and wet lines in the Barrington Creek drainage causing the fire to progress lower towards contingency containment lines in the valley bottom. The fire is currently in an area too steep and treacherous for crews to action safely on the hillside, however, crews are actively monitoring the fire from the base of the hill and burning off remaining fuel towards the fire and using wet lines to control the perimeter along the road at the base.

Residents in the area may on occasion observe additional fire activity near the bottom as crews action and control the perimeter in this manner.

Snowy Protected Area is currently closed to public access due to the Snowy Mountain wildfire.

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/snowy/>

Old Tom Creek Wildfire

Crews have been working diligently on this fire. Due to winds and temperatures in favour of the fire, the fire activity has been aggressive and challenging. Fortunately, there has been minimal growth and where it has grown is primarily north flank which is away from Keremeos and structural values. With increased visibility, aerial support has been added.

BC Wildfire

For current information please visit the BC Wildfire Service website:

<https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=ef6f11c8c36b42c29e103f65dbcd7538>

To Report a Wildfire Call: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on your mobile phone.

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