



FIRE NAME

(N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

4,594 hectares

FIRE STATUS:

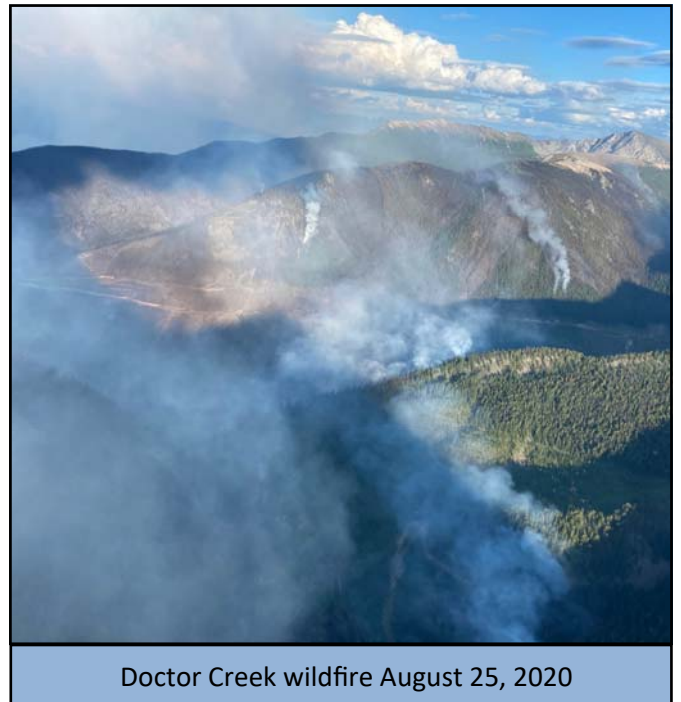
Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 159 personnel including an incident management team; nine pieces of heavy equipment and seven helicopters.

UPDATES:

Ground crews continue to work with the support of heavy equipment and aviation resources today. An additional 14 personnel arrived yesterday, and work continues on the construction of control lines north and south of Doctor Creek with support from small planned ignitions operations. They will be supported by seven helicopters that bucket water onto areas of increased fire activity as well as a water tender. Suppression efforts are currently concentrated on the east flank of the fire and additional planning and establishment of contingency lines is underway.



Doctor Creek wildfire August 25, 2020

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The Regional District of the East Kootenay has issued an evacuation order for the Findlay Creek area including Whitetail Lake, Blue Lake Centre and Doctor Creek. For information regarding evacuation alerts or orders please visit: Regional District of East Kootenay at <https://www.rdek.bc.ca/>

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Information Officers: Jody Lucius or Roslyn Johnson | Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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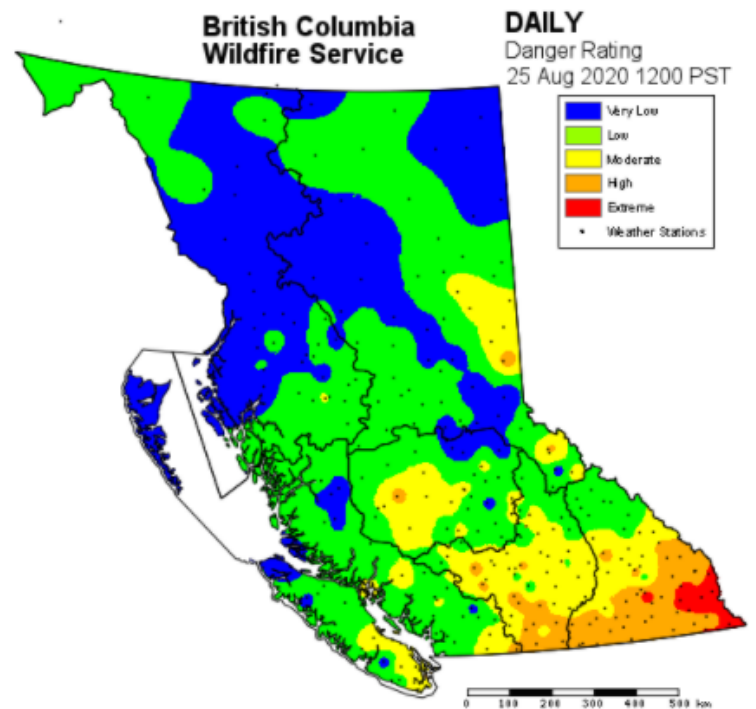
AREA RESTRICTION:

In order to support the response efforts and to protect the safety of the public and firefighting personnel, an area restriction is in effect for the Doctor Creek wildfire. A map of the restricted area is found on page 3. For detailed information about the restriction, visit <http://ow.ly/kZrR50B7QaE>

FORECAST:

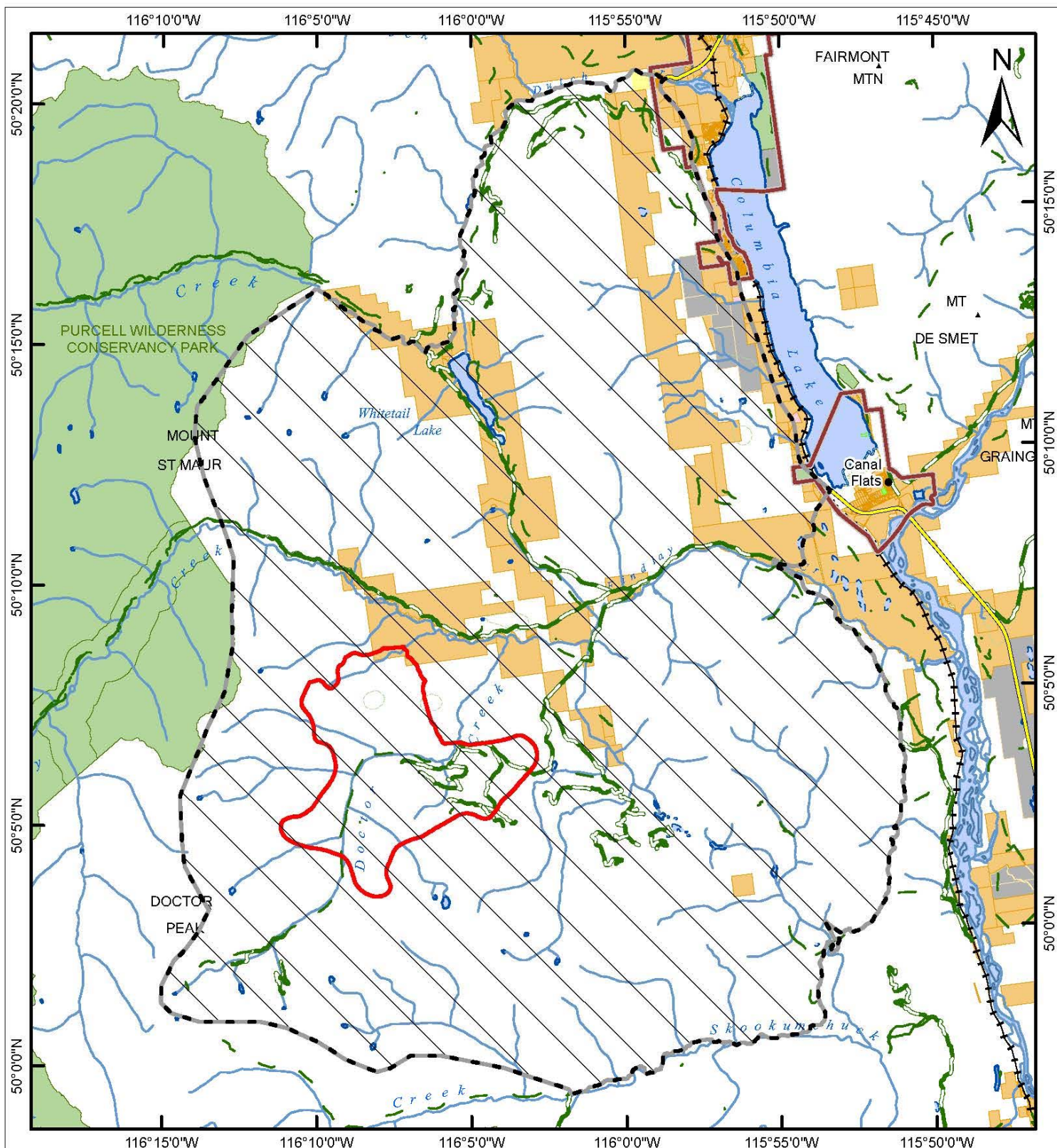
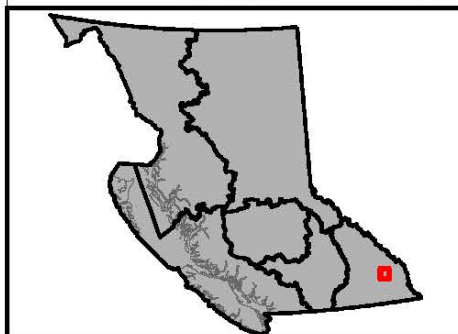
Weather forecasts for the Doctor Creek wildfire call for mainly sunny skies with above average temperatures Wednesday. A few clouds above ridgetop elevations are expected on Thursday, bringing the potential for a slight downturn in temperatures but no precipitation. Temperatures are forecast to rebound to above average on Friday. These conditions should help crews make progress on containment objectives before winds increase on Friday night or Saturday.

FIRE DANGER RATING



RECAP:

The fire grew significantly during the elevated winds on August 24, and efforts were made yesterday to collect an up-to-date perimeter map and area estimate (see map attached). The fire is now an estimated total of 4,594 hectares. Growth was seen predominantly on the northwest and southeast flanks. No structures are currently threatened. Structure protection systems are in use near the fire as a precautionary measure. Control lines on the northeast flank held yesterday and crews continue to reinforce these lines today.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MAP

Fire Perimeter Area Restriction

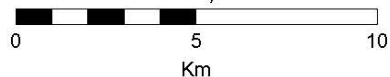
Perimeter Date: 2020-08-25
Hectares: 4594.3 HA

Disclaimer:

Wildfire perimeters for the current fire season, including both active and inactive fires, are supplied from various sources. The data is refreshed from operational systems nightly to the public map. Wildfire data may not reflect the current fire situation, and therefore should only be used for reference purposes.

Wildfire data from the incident is updated when practicable and the occurrence of individual fire updates will vary. The information is intended for general purposes only and should not be relied on as accurate because fires are dynamic and circumstances may change quickly. The levels of current fire activity within the mapped fire perimeters can vary widely.

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