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August 28, 2020

# WILDFIRE UPDATE

| FIRE NAME: | FIRE SIZE: | FIRE STATUS: |
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| Doctor Creek (N21257) | 4,594 hectares | Out of Control |

## RESOURCES:

- 125 personnel including an incident management team; 13 pieces of heavy equipment and eight helicopters

## UPDATES:

Yesterday, a planned ignition operation was conducted to help gain containment on the southeast perimeter. The planned ignition helped create a controlled, fuel-free area ahead of the fire. Today, crews are working to cool the perimeter where the ignition occurred.

Work continues on the construction of control lines north of Doctor Creek. Helicopters that bucket water onto areas of increased fire activity continue to support ground crews. Heavy equipment is working on a guard in the southwest portion of the fire.

Smoke tends to settle in the valleys near the fire overnight, which has delayed helicopter start times in recent days.

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## 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 Officer:** Jody Lucius | Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## AREA RESTRICTION:

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

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## FORECAST:

Weather forecasts for the Doctor Creek wildfire area call for warm temperatures with increasing and gusty winds possible on Friday, August 28. Winds are expected to continue Saturday and Sunday with cooler temperatures and higher relative humidity.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

An updated fire size will be provided once smoke clears and visibility in the fire area improves.

No structures are currently threatened. Structure protection systems are in use near the fire as a precautionary measure.

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