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Sept. 9, 2020

WILDFIRE UPDATE

Talbott Creek	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
(N51250)	610 hectares (estimated)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are currently 147 firefighters and 10 pieces of heavy equipment assigned to this fire. Nine helicopters continue to support crews in cooling hot spots, which helps to and reduce fire spread and are bucketing in areas that are inaccessible to crews and heavy equipment.

UPDATES:

Limited fire growth was observed yesterday (September 8). The area of fire on the east side of McFayden Creek was a focus for suppression efforts today.

A significant amount of work has been completed on the south, east and west edges of the fire. Crews are patrolling the fire and seeking hot spots to cool on the fire perimeter in those areas. These patrols are being done to ensure the fire does not spread beyond it's existing boundaries. Infrared scanning will be used to help crews identify hot spots.

Contingency lines are being constructed along the south and north flanks of the fire. An additional fuel-free line is being constructed along the ridge to the east of the fire.

Aerial photo of the Talbott Creek wildfire on September 8, 2020

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EVACUATION ALERTS:

The Regional District of the Central Kootenay has issued an evacuation alert in the area of this fire. For details, please visit: Regional District of Central Kootenay.

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ROAD CLOSURES:

The Tedesco Forest Service Road (FSR) remains closed to both industrial and non-industrial traffic. The closure begins at the 18km marker on the Little Slocan Main FSR where the Tedesco FSR branches off, and includes the entire Tedesco road system. The Little Slocan Main FSR remains open. The Tedesco FSR closure remains in place to accommodate response operations, ensure the safety of firefighters, and protect public safety. This closure will remain in place until the public is otherwise notified. Details and a map of the affected area are available on bcwildfire.ca.

Road closures and area restrictions are subject to change depending on fire activity. For the most current information, please visit the bans and restrictions section of the BC Wildfire Service website for the Southeast Fire Centre or visit http://ow.ly/WlFn50B7XVV

In the interest of safety, please do not stop or slow on highway 6 or the Slocan River Road to take photos of the fire. Both roads are narrow so slowing and stopping traffic can create significant safety hazards.

We thank residents and visitors for their continued support and cooperation.

FORECAST:

Temperatures and winds are forecast to increase on Thursday and again on Friday. Dry, mainly sunny and unseasonably warm conditions are anticipated to continue through Saturday.

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