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September 10, 2020

WILDFIRE UPDATE

FIRE NAME:	FIRE SIZE:	FIRE STATUS:
Doctor Creek (N21257)	7,937 hectares (mapped)	Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 176 personnel including an incident management team; 9 pieces of heavy equipment; and five helicopters

UPDATES:

The Doctor Creek wildfire remains classified as out of control. Temperatures on-site have consistently been above seasonal average and sustained local wind events have challenged containment efforts on the southeast flank.

Crews are working to complete a fuel free buffer zone and water delivery system on the southeast flank in preparation for a planned ignition that will begin as early as tomorrow afternoon (Sept. 11, 2020), if site and weather conditions remain favourable. The fuel free buffer zone will tie into a heavy equipment control line on the east flank and a steep rocky avalanche chute to the south. The planned ignition will remove unburned fuels between the fire perimeter and these predetermined boundaries which will allow crews to safely and effectively deliver water directly to the fire's edge. Heavy equipment has completed contingency lines along the south and east flanks of the fire to further secure the area.

On the northern flank crews continue to extinguish hot spots and patrol the area within 100 feet of the fire perimeter. Where no longer required, gear is being demobilized from the northern and eastern flank.

No structures are currently threatened. All structure protection systems have been removed as they are no longer required given the current and predicted fire activity.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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FORECAST:

Seasonally above average temperatures are forecast to continue this afternoon (Sept. 10, 2020) with temperatures ranging from mid to high 20s and low relative humidity. Warm and dry conditions will continue through Saturday with temperatures reaching between 26 and 30-degrees.

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) has rescinded the evacuation order for the Doctor Creek wildfire and downgraded it to an evacuation alert. The RDEK has lifted the evacuation alert on the north side of the fire (Whitetail / Blue Lake area). The evacuation alert on the south side of the fire remains in place. For information regarding evacuation alerts and orders, please visit the Regional District of East Kootenay website.

PUBLIC MAP

The most up-to-date fire perimeter and area restriction order can be viewed here: Doctor Creek wildfire public information map.

A firefighter uses a drip torch during planned ignitions on August 27, 2020

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

An area restriction remains in effect for the Doctor Creek wildfire to support response efforts and protect the safety of the public and firefighting personnel. We would like to remind the public that the Doctor Creek wildfire remains an active worksite. Please review the area restriction order map, before visiting the area. For more information, visit bcwildfire.ca > Changes made to the Doctor Creek Area Restriction

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