



Talbott Creek

(N51250)

FIRE SIZE:

725 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are currently 135 personnel, 10 pieces of heavy equipment and nine helicopters assigned to this fire.

UPDATES:

There was significant fire activity on the northeast flank of the fire yesterday, September 10. Airtankers created a retardant line on the highest section of the ridge east of McFayden Creek yesterday evening to slow fire spread.

A hoselay is being constructed from the Slocan River to the east flank, and a contingency line is being constructed on the north flank of the fire by machinery.

Fire growth in recent days has been away from homes and properties in the area.

Smoke from the fire has created visibility challenges over the past few days. Ground crews and helicopters are continuing suppression activities when visibility allows and it is safe to do so. Suppression efforts remain focused on the northeast portion of the fire. Crews continue to seek hot spots to cool on the northwest, west, south and southeast edges of the fire. Infrared scanning will be used to help crews in identifying these hot spots.



Aerial photo of the Talbott Creek wildfire the morning 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](#).

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 Slokan Main FSR where the Tedesco FSR branches off, and includes the entire Tedesco road system. The Little Slokan 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.



Photo of the Talbott Creek wildfire after-noon September 10, 2020

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/WIFn50B7XVV>

In the interest of safety, please do not stop or slow on highway 6 or the Slokan 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:

Dry, mainly sunny and warm conditions are forecast to continue through the weekend. Temperature highs range from 27 to 30 degrees. Winds gusting up to 35 km/hour Friday afternoon and evening and 10-25 km/hour Saturday afternoon.

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