



FIRE NAME:

Doctor Creek (N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

8,090 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Being Held

RESOURCES:

- 151 personnel including an incident management team; eight pieces of heavy equipment; and seven helicopters

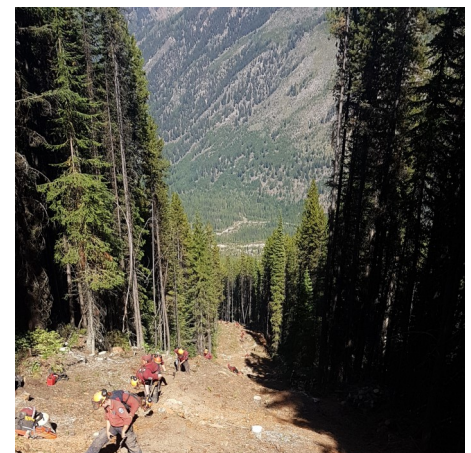
UPDATES:

The Doctor Creek wildfire is now classified as Being Held which means that (with the resources currently committed to the fire) sufficient suppression action has been taken that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existing and predetermined boundaries under the prevailing and forecasted conditions. As a result of yesterday's planned ignitions and smoke drifting into the area from wildfires burning in the United States, aviation resources are unable to complete a new perimeter track at this time. When smoke dissipates, an aerial track will be completed. The fire is currently estimated to be 8,090 hectares in size.

Yesterday afternoon (Sept. 11, 2020), planned ignition operations on the southeast flank successfully brought the fire's edge down to more accessible terrain. In preparation for the planned ignitions, crews completed a 600-metre-long and 10-metre-wide fuel free buffer zone that ties into a heavy equipment control line on the east flank and a steep rocky avalanche chute to the south. Today (Sept. 12, 2020), crews are patrolling the fuel free buffer zone and adjacent control lines to ensure the fire does not spread beyond these pre-determined boundaries. Crews are working to establish a water delivery system along this flank to deliver water directly to the fire's edge. Small-scale hand ignitions will be used throughout the day today to remove any remaining patches of unburned fuel within the fire perimeter along this flank.



The fuel free buffer zone along the southeast flank post planned ignitions — Sept. 12, 2020



Firefighters work to complete the fuel free buffer zone on the southeast flank prior to the planned ignitions — Sept. 10, 2020

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.

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EVACUATION ALERTS:

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](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Two remote cameras have been installed within the vicinity of the Doctor Creek wildfire to monitor fire behaviour; one on a ridge top just west of Whitetail Lake to capture activity on the northern flank and one along the Skookumchuck forest service road to monitor the southern 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.

FORECAST:

Once again, the high-pressure ridge will persist today (Sept. 12, 2020) with mainly sunny skies and unseasonably warm and dry conditions. Temperatures are forecast to range into the mid to high 20's with relative humidity dropping into the teens. Warm and dry conditions will continue through the weekend. A southwest flow could bring a chance of thunder showers Sunday evening.

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](#)



Planned ignition operations on the southeast flank—
September 11, 2020