



Talbott Creek

(N51250)

FIRE SIZE:

860 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are currently 121 personnel, 10 pieces of heavy equipment and nine helicopters assigned to this fire.

UPDATES:

A thick layer of smoke began blanketing the fire area in the afternoon on September 12. Poor visibility has resulted in helicopters being unable to fly today and it is expected these conditions will continue tomorrow. Due to steep, difficult terrain, the use of helicopters for bucketing and personnel transport has been imperative on this fire.

Crews continue working where they can safely access the fire by ground. Emphasis has been on structure protection along Slocan River Road today and will continue tomorrow. Crews will be present from Natlamp Road to Kazakoff Road.

Upon completion of a drone scan today, the majority of fire growth was found to be on the north flank of the fire. There is limited spread beyond McFayden Creek into the Draw Creek drainage where hot spots were observed at high elevations.



A helicopter bucketing on the Talbott Creek wildfire in smoky skies, September 12, 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.



Smoke covers the Talbott Creek wildfire the evening of September 12, 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 cloud free conditions are likely to persist through Sunday. Temperatures will be moderated by smoke in the area but will remain unseasonably warm.