



Talbott Creek

(N51250)

FIRE SIZE:

1000 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are currently 112 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 yesterday, and continues today until conditions improve. 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 yesterday, the majority of fire growth was found to be on the north flank of the fire. The fire is spreading down-slope towards the south end of Lower Little Slocan Lake. 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 reduced the 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 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/WIFn50B7XVV>

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.

FORECAST:

Smokey skies are forecast to remain through today and likely persist into tomorrow. Temperatures will be in the high-teens to low-20s.



Smoke covers the Talbott Creek wildfire the morning of September 14, 2020