



FIRE NAME:

Doctor Creek (N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

8,090 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Being Held

RESOURCES:

82 personnel including an incident management team; eight pieces of heavy equipment; and four helicopters

UPDATES:

The Doctor Creek wildfire remains 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. When smoke dissipates, an aerial track will be completed and the fire size will be updated.

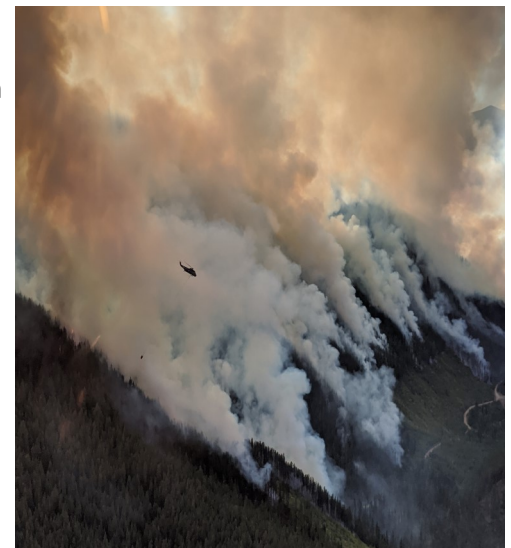
Yesterday afternoon small-scale aerial ignition operations were successful in removing the remaining pockets of fuel between the fire perimeter and the control

lines in a cut block. The aerial operations were also supported by crews on the ground providing added support through small scale hand ignitions. This work further supports the successful planned ignitions implemented on Sept. 11, 2020.

Today crews will continue patrolling the fuel free and will be expanding on the 50ft black line they achieved yesterday by continuing to use small-scale hand ignitions as needed to further establish a 100 ft black line from the control lines in towards the fire.

The remainder of the gear is being demobilized from the northern and eastern flanks. Crews will conduct a final patrol and hot spotting check today. Rehabilitation plans have been completed for this section of the fire and work began yesterday.

An infrared scanning request has been placed to do an aerial check for hot spots.



A helicopter providing aerial support for the successful planned ignitions conducted on Sept. 11, 2020



The cut block on the left side of the road where small scale hand and aerial ignitions occurred yesterday — Sept. 14, 2020

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EVACUATION ALERTS:

The remaining evacuation alerts were rescinded yesterday at noon by the [Regional District of East Kootenay](#).

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:

One remote camera remains installed on the northern flank and one along the Skookumchuck forest service road to monitor the southern flank.

FORECAST:

The forecast for today is a mix of sun and cloud, likely with dense smoke. Temperatures are expected to be in the low 20s today and relative humidity is anticipated to be around 30. Winds today will be northeast 8 to 15 km/h. For the longer term forecast the dense smoke is expected to continue as the upper flow towards the mid- to end of the week is expected to put the region directly upwind of the fires in the United States. If the smoke persists it is expected to have significant influence on local temperatures, humidity and winds. Closer towards the weekend there is the potential for showers if the upper low pushes inland over Washington and Oregon and rotates up from the US border.

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](#)



Helicopter conducting small scale aerial burn operations with a Plastic Spherical Device (PSD) dispenser—
Sept 14, 2020