



FIRE NAME:

Doctor Creek (N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

7,645 hectares (aerial track)

FIRE STATUS:

Under Control

RESOURCES:

Seven personnel; four pieces of heavy equipment; and one helicopter

UPDATES:

The Doctor Creek wildfire is now classified as Under Control which means that the fire has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire. Visibility over the fire improved a bit on Sept 16, 2020 allowing for an updated aerial track to be recorded.

The Incident Management Team (IMT) will be turning over the response and monitoring of the Doctor Creek wildfire back to the Invermere Fire Zone and the Southeast Fire Centre today. As a result of all the hard work and great progress the ground personnel have made throughout the duration of our response efforts, this transition will be completed earlier than anticipated. The transition will take effect at noon today, Sept. 19, 2020.

Crews will continue patrol, hot spotting and demobbing of unused gear from inactive areas of the fire. Rehabilitation plans have been completed for the northern and eastern flanks of the fire and work is ongoing.

Nearby communities can still expect to see smoke within the fire's perimeter over the coming weeks. This is common with large wildfires, and smoke will continue to be visible until there is significant rainfall at the site. Smoke appearing from well within the fire perimeter and burned material is common. However, smoke that rises from green, unburned fuel or from outside a fire's perimeter should be reported immediately.

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A firefighter patrolling and working on hot spots. — Sept. 15, 2020



The small scale planned ignition burning slowly down to the control line. —Sept 14, 2020

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

The infrared scan request has been deferred at this time based on the number of completed patrols and smokes found within 100 ft of the perimeter. The need for a scan will be reassessed at a later date.

PUBLIC MAP:

The most up-to-date fire perimeter can be viewed here: [Doctor Creek wildfire public information map](#).

FORECAST:

The forecast for today is a mix of smoke and cloud with a 60% chance of showers into the evening. The total amount of anticipated precipitation ranges from 0.6mm to 3.0mm with a 30% chance of thundershowers. Temperatures are expected to be around 20 today with a minimum relative humidity of 45%. Winds today will be out of the west 8 to 15 km/h. Sunday is expected to be cloudy with the potential for patchy fog in the morning. In the afternoon a mix of sun and cloud with a 30% chance of showers and temperatures hovering around 20. For the longer term a deepening upper low off the coast of BC will contribute to the development of a weak upper ridge that will pass over the area on Monday. This ridge will bring sun with bands of clouds and temperatures in the low 20s.

AREA RESTRICTION ORDER:

Rescinded effective 6:00pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2020. For further information please read the [Information Bulletin](#)

EVACUATION ALERTS:

Rescinded Monday Sept. 14, 2020 by the [Regional District of East Kootenay](#).



Firefighter wet lining along control line during small scale planned ignitions on Sept 14, 2020