



Talbott Creek

(N51250)

FIRE SIZE:

1,142 hectares

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

There are currently 77 personnel, seven pieces of heavy equipment and seven helicopters assigned to this fire.

UPDATES:

Periods of improved visibility allowed helicopters to fly yesterday and again this morning. Bucketing is focused on the east flank of the fire, specifically in the McFayden and Draw Creek drainages. Pilots will continue to monitor conditions and fly only when it is safe to do so.

The hose-lay beginning at Natlamp Road and moving northeast has been completed. Hose-lay construction continues on the north flank of the fire in the Tedesco Road area. Sprinklers are being installed and maintained along the hose-lay to dampen the ground and slow fire spread. Firefighters are suppressing the fire in this area using water and hand tools.

Infrared scans continue to identify hot spots which crews work to cool.

Structure protection units have been installed along Slocan River Road and are being maintained.



A BCWS crew member installs a sprinkler on the Talbott Creek wildfire on September 16, 2020

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EVACUATION ALERTS:

The Regional District of the Central Kootenay has further 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, local traffic only is permitted from Passmore Lower Road and Slocan River Road, ending at Winlaw Bridge Road. The speed limit in these areas has been reduced to 50 km per hour.

FORECAST:

Smoke drifting northward over the area today could lead to slightly cooler temperatures and high humidity. A mix of sun, cloud and smoke with a 30% chance of isolated showers in the afternoon or evening.

We thank residents and visitors for their continued support and cooperation.



A BCWS crew member works on a hose-lay on the Talbott Creek wildfire on September 16 2020