



FIRE NAME:

Doctor Creek (N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

7,000 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 162 personnel including an incident management team; 14 pieces of heavy equipment; and seven helicopters.

UPDATES:

Last night (Sept. 1, 2020), strong winds, with gusts up to 50 kilometres per hour, spread the fire in a south-easterly direction. Crews are being re-positioned to assist with containment along the south and east flanks of the fire in preparation for small-scale planned ignitions that will help to remove pockets of unburned fuel between the fire perimeter and the pre-determined control line. These planned ignition will bring the fires edge to natural boundaries like a rock outcropping or to constructed boundaries like machine or hand guard. As winds diminish, smoke will be highly visible in the area.

On the northern flank, crews continue with direct attack where they are actively extinguishing hot spots within 100 feet of the fire perimeter.



A view of the Doctor Creek wildfire taken from the north on Sept. 1, 2020

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

The Regional District of East Kootenay has partially rescinded the evacuation order for the Whitetail Lake area. For the most up-to-date information regarding evacuation alerts and orders, please visit the [Regional District of East Kootenay](#) website. As residents and recreationalists return to the Whitetail Lake area, the BC Wildfire Service would like to remind the public that the Doctor Creek wildfire remains an active worksite.

ADDITIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION:

Information Officer: Hannah Swift | Hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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AREA RESTRICTION

Effective at noon on Sept. 1, 2020, changes were made to the area restriction order of Crown land near the Doctor Creek wildfire. The amended restriction order will remain in place until noon on Oct. 15, 2020 or until it is rescinded. Road closures and area restrictions are subject to change depending on fire activity. The order applies to Crown land within the boundaries shown on this online map: <http://ow.ly/Byjl30r7Ex6>

The area restriction that remains in place is in effect to support response efforts and protect the safety of the public and firefighting personnel.

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FORECAST:

By tomorrow (Sept. 3, 2020), a ridge of high pressure strengthens over the area resulting in a significant warming and drying trend. There may be poor smoke dissipation in the area over the coming days.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

No structures are currently threatened. Structure protection systems are in use near the fire as a precautionary measure. Some structure protection units are being removed in areas where they are no longer necessary.



Crews continue to be supported by seven helicopters.


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