



FIRE NAME:

Doctor Creek (N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

7,600 hectares (estimated)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 176 personnel including an incident management team; 13 pieces of heavy equipment; and nine helicopters

UPDATES:

The BC Wildfire Service conducted large-scale aerial ignitions this afternoon on the Doctor Creek wildfire. The ignitions took place on steep rocky terrain in the southeastern corner of the fire where heavy equipment was unable to operate, limiting the potential for direct attack. The planned ignition successfully brought the fire's edge down to pre-determined boundaries where crews can now safely deliver water directly to the fire's edge. As a result of these planned ignitions, the fire is now estimated to be 7,600 hectares.

For more information about this planned ignition, please visit bcwildfire.ca > Information Bulletins > [Planned Ignitions for Doctor Creek Wildfire](#)

Crews continue to extinguish hot spots within 100 feet of the fire perimeter and deliver water to the fire's edge on the north flank. Heavy equipment is working on contingency lines on the east flank to further secure the area.

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

For the most up-to-date information regarding evacuation alerts and orders, please visit the [Regional District of East Kootenay](#) website.



As a result of the planned ignitions, a column of smoke was highly visible.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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AREA RESTRICTION:

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.

The amended area restriction order that went into place on Sept. 1, 2020, applies to Crown land within the boundaries shown on this online map: <http://ow.ly/Byjl30r7Ex6>

For detailed information about the restriction, visit bcwildfire.ca > [Changes made to the Doctor Creek Area Restriction](#)



Sikorsky S-61 helicopters, [as shown in this video](#), were utilized to deliver fire retardant to reinforce containment lines on the southeast flank during the successful planned ignitions day. Sikorsky's are capable of safely and effectively bucketing up to 750 gallons of liquid.

FORECAST:

This afternoon (Sept. 4, 2020), a high pressure ridge strengthened over the area. Above seasonal temperatures are expected through the weekend with low humidity and generally light winds. Conditions remain largely unchanged through Saturday. As winds diminish through the weekend, smoke dissipation will be poor in the area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

Structure protection systems are in use near the fire as a precautionary measure. No structures are currently threatened. Structure protection specialists are anticipating and prepared to protect bridges in the expanding area of the fire, if required.



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