


FIRE NAME:

Doctor Creek (N21257)

FIRE SIZE:

7,937 hectares (mapped)

FIRE STATUS:

Out of Control

RESOURCES:

- 185 personnel including an incident management team; 13 pieces of heavy equipment; and six helicopters

UPDATES:

An accurate track of the fire perimeter was completed on Sept. 7, 2020. The fire is now mapped at 7,937 hectares. An updated public information map is available here: [Doctor Creek public information map - Sept. 7, 2020](#).

On the northern flank crews continue to extinguish hot spots and patrol the area within 100 feet of the fire perimeter. Fire behaviour on the southeast flank will be relatively lower over the next few days, as parts of the area received upwards of 10 millimetres of rain. Crews are working to complete a fuel free buffer zone on the southeast flank in preparation for a planned ignition that will secure this section of the fire. Heavy equipment has completed contingency lines along the south and east flanks of the fire to further secure the area.

No structures are currently threatened. Structure protection systems are being removed over the coming days where they are no longer required.



A helicopter delivers water to fire's edge

EVACUATION ALERTS AND ORDERS:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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FORECAST:

A high-pressure ridge should maintain dry and mainly sunny conditions today (Sept. 8, 2020). Temperatures were near freezing overnight with highs in the upper teens and low 20s expected by this afternoon. A warming ridge will gradually bring higher temperatures to the area on Wednesday and Thursday. Conditions on-site will remain dry with low relative humidity.

WILDFIRE CONTAINMENT:

Control lines are crucial for the successful containment of wildfires. The Doctor Creek wildfire is burning in an area with a variety of landscape features including valleys, canyons, steep slopes and ridges. As a result of this varied terrain, a combination of human-made fire-guards, pre-existing roads and natural barriers, such as avalanche chutes and rocky outcrops, are being used to corral the fire.

Where possible, heavy machinery has been utilized to establish and re-enforce control lines. In areas where heavy machinery has been unable to work, crews are working to establish fuel free buffer zones. Creating a fuel free buffer zone by hand is labour intensive work undertaken by certified chainsaw operators who fall and buck trees in order to reduce the fuel load and open up the forest canopy. These buffer zones effectively contain the fire and stop it from advancing.

As crews on the Doctor Creek wildfire focus their efforts on working to complete a fuel free buffer zone on the southeast flank, we would like to recognize our firefighters and thank all chainsaw operators for their incredible work on the fire line.



The eastern fire perimeter —Sept 6, 2020

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. 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](#)

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