

Bulletin

June 21, 2015

ELAHO WILDIRE

CAUSE:

This fire is human-caused although not a result of industrial activity. The cause of the fire is currently being investigated by a specialized Fire-Cause Investigator.

LOCATION:

67km west of Pemberton.

OPEN FIRE BANS:

All open fires, except small campfires, are prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdictional area, with the exception of the Fog Zone. Campfires that are small (0.5 meter tall by 0.5 meter wide and smaller) on mineral soil with a fuel break, and attended at all times, are permitted.

REPORT A WILDFIRE:

1-800 663-5555 or dial *5555 on your cell



Size	Approximately 700 hectares
Containment	30 per cent contained
Personnel	121
Helicopters	5
Heavy Equipment	3

While the recent cool and wet conditions have helped with suppression efforts on the Elaho wildfire, increased fire behavior was observed on some areas of the fire today due a change in warm weather. Crews are continuing to mop-up the northwestern perimeter and the eastern flank. The intense burn that moved through the area last week has weakened many root systems; as a result, firefighters are continuing to assess for danger trees and fall where necessary. Helicopters are supporting ground-personnel by suppressing hotspots and flare-ups in steep, inaccessible areas. Heavy equipment continues to build access and improve containment lines.

With the extensive amount of danger trees in the area, the Wildfire Management Branch is advising recreationalists to avoid areas in the fire vicinity due to heavy operational activities in the surrounding area. Road access is restricted along the Elaho River Valley Road at 53 kilometer.

The fire danger rating for the Coastal Fire Centre is mostly high with a few patches of extreme and moderate. Fine fuels such as dried needs, leaves and twigs on the forest floor are dry and have the potential to easily ignite. While it may still be June, the weather pattern observed in the Coastal Fire Centre area is more similar to mid-to-late July conditions. The public is reminded to exercise caution with fire use outdoors and to ensure that any smoke or flame is reported by calling 1 800-663-5555 or *5555 on a cellular phone.

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