

Bulletin

ELAHO WILDIRE

June 25, 2015

CAUSE:

After a thorough investigation by a specialized Fire-Cause Investigator, the Elaho wildfire has been determined as lightning-caused.

LOCATION:

67km west of Pemberton.

OPEN FIRE BANS:

Campfires will be prohibited in most areas the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction as of noon this Saturday, **June 27**. Currently, all fires larger than 0.5 meters by 0.5 meters are prohibited in the Coastal Fire Centre area, with the exception of the "Fog Zone". For details on the upcoming campfire ban and boundaries please visit: <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=2377>

REPORT A WILDFIRE:

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



The Cedar Woman

Size	Approximately 586 hectares
Containment	45 per cent contained
Personnel	112
Helicopters	3
Heavy Equipment	1

Crews are continuing to make steady progress on the Elaho wildfire. There was no change in fire behavior or size today. The Cedar Woman (carved by Aaron Nelson Moody) that stands watch over the Elaho Valley, remains untouched by the fire. Thankfully this carving is located on a rocky buff with a wide berth from surrounding forest fuels. The fire remains approximately 200 meters away and is displaying minimal activity. Firefighters have been working in the area adjacent to the Cedar Woman to mop-up hotspots and secure containment. The Cedar Woman is not currently threatened by the Elaho Wildfire.

Today firefighters worked on containment of the eastern and northern flanks of the fire. Crews continue to action hotspots identified by an infrared aerial scan. There was a small hotspot identified in the Lava Creek sensitive area—a unique stand of old growth trees located at the confluence of the Lava Creek, Elaho River, and Cessna Creek. This hot spot was immediately suppressed by helicopter bucketing support and crews continue to mop-up and work in the area.

Hot, dry conditions are anticipated for this weekend as an upper ridge builds over the region. Elevated temperatures will dry out forest fuels and increase fire behavior; however, crews are prepared and will be taking the necessary precautions to avoid further growth and/or crown fire development.

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