

June 22, 2015

Bulletin

ELAHO WILDIRE

CAUSE:

The cause of this 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



Crews working on the Elaho Giant

Size	Approximately 700 hectares
Containment	40 per cent contained
Personnel	121
Helicopters	5
Heavy Equipment	2

Fire activity was quieter today in comparison to yesterday for the Elaho wildfire. Today crews mopped-up of the northwest corner and increased containment on the north and eastern perimeter of the fire. Firefighters are continuing with extensive danger tree assessment in the area and falling where deemed necessary.

The fire has moved through the area where the Elaho Giant—believed to be Canada's third largest Douglas fir—is located. The fire did burn intensely at the base of the tree. Firefighters are working hard to cool hotspots near the Giant's roots. The thick protective bark, characteristic of Douglas firs, does make the tree more resilient to fire damage. While the surface of the Elaho Giant is black at the lower base, the tree still stands and some green needles remain.

With the large number of danger trees present in the area and near the Elaho Giant, 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.

For further updates on this wildfire, please visit:

<http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/OneFire.asp?ID=533>

For more Wildfire Information visit www.BCWildfire.ca
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