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BC Wildfire Service

Modified response applied to Bernard Creek wildfire

CASTLEGAR – The BC Wildfire Service is using a modified response on the eastern perimeter of the Bernard Creek wildfire, which covers about 4.7 hectares and is burning about five kilometres west of Mount Loki, across Kootenay Lake from Kaslo.

Since this fire was detected on Sept. 5, 2019, BC Wildfire Service personnel have been working to fully contain the western perimeter while applying a modified response to the eastern perimeter due to the rough terrain in that area. This means a combination of suppression techniques (including direct and indirect attack) and monitoring is being used to steer, contain and otherwise manage the fire's activity within pre-determined boundaries.

On Sept. 8, 2019, this wildfire received about 30 millimetres of rain over a 24-hour period, which aided suppression efforts. A three-person crew is currently on site checking the containment line along the western perimeter to ensure that it has held the fire in check.

The Bernard Creek wildfire is currently exhibiting low fire activity. While smoke may still be visible, it poses no threat to communities or structures at this time.

Mount Loki is home to popular hiking trails. Although there is no area restriction or closure in place at this time, the public is advised to exercise caution while in the area. If possible, people should refrain from using the trails since they are being used by fire crews. Government officials who are engaged in wildfire control, including firefighters, have the authority to order anyone to leave such areas if necessary.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire or open burning violation, call 1 800 663-5555 toll-free or *5555 on a cellphone. For the latest information on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit: www.bcwildfire.ca

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