



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 14, 2023, as of 8:00 pm

The Paskwa fire is located in the community of Fox Lake and was detected on May 2, 2023. This fire is classified as Out of Control (OC) and the last recorded size is 35,285 hectares.

Today, favourable weather conditions again helped to prevent significant spread of the fire. The fire is approximately 6km from the Wood Buffalo National Park boundary and 13km from the community of Garden River.

Firefighters, supported by bucketing from heavy helicopters and heavy equipment continued building a fire guard along the perimeter moving east from Deep Lake towards Fighting Lake. This was the area of the fire where crews observed the most vigorous fire behavior.

Crews continued to put out hot spots along the south edge of the fire and within the community of Fox Lake. Attention has now turned to creating safe conditions within the community to allow for re-entry.

Structure protection specialists assessed the community of Garden River. Work will begin to establish control lines and set up sprinklers within the community. Plans are also being made for the removal of fuel around buildings and other key infrastructure within Garden River.

Firefighters are using all their available tools to control this wildfire. Ignition operation tactics reduce fire spread by using current natural barriers to control the fire line. Ignition plans will continue to be created to find opportunities to burn areas of concern along the fire perimeter. As the fire situation changes firefighters, helicopters, support staff, heavy equipment, and air tankers will be working hard to re-evaluate their tactics to prevent fire spread toward homes and critical infrastructure.

Today there are 76 firefighters, 13 helicopters, and heavy equipment working on the Paskwa fire. Air tanker support is available as requested.

Little Red River Cree Nation has an evacuation order in place for the community of Fox Lake. The community of Garden River is on an evacuation alert. For information regarding the evacuation, please stay informed by visiting the Little Red River Cree Nation's Facebook page.

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The Incident Management Team has a dedicated Fire Behaviour Analyst and therefore the weather briefing will be fire area specific. Hot and dry conditions continue with no significant rain in the forecast. Tomorrow the forecast is as follows, a temperature of 28 degrees and a relative humidity of 15 percent. A cold front will be passing through the area bringing with it winds from the northwest of 15 km/h to 30 km/h, with gusts of up to 55km/h. These winds will continue throughout the day and into the overnight period. Wind direction will also change throughout the day, coming from the east and switching to out of the northwest as the front passes.



Where can I find more information about the wildfires?

Current information on wildfires can be found:

- [Wildfire.alberta.ca](https://wildfire.alberta.ca)
- Download the Alberta Wildfire Status App https://open.alberta.ca/blog/?page_id=206
- High Level Forest Area Updates: <https://srd.web.alberta.ca/high-level-area-update>
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To Report a wildfire call 310-FIRE (3473)



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