



COURRIEL EXTERNE – FAITES PREUVE DE PRUDENCE / EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION

The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 21, 2023 at 8pm

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 72, 012 hectares. The fire is 1km inside the Wood Buffalo National Park boundary and is approximately 8km from the community of Garden River.

Today, smoke prevented crews from accessing the northeast perimeter of the fire and delayed work along retardant line on the flank closest to the community of Garden River.

Work continues in the community of Fox Lake to create safe conditions to allow for re-entry, beginning with temporary access and escorted community visits. The Incident Management Team is working closely with the Little Red River Cree Nation to develop a timeline for when these visits may be able to occur. Access to the Little Red River cultural heritage site will also be facilitated once escorted visits to the community begin.

Crews continue to create an extinguished perimeter of approximately 30 metres around every structure in the community of Fox Lake, this objective will take time given the number of structures in the community.

Tonight, the specialized drone equipped with infrared cameras will continue scanning the community of Fox Lake. These scans will continue to map the remaining hot spots in the area and aid crews with ongoing extinguishment work. The drone will continue to operate at night over the coming days.

ATCO crews are also working in Fox Lake to restore power and repair damaged lines.

There are 59 firefighters, 9 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 remains on an evacuation alert. For information regarding the evacuation, please stay informed by visiting the Little Red River Cree Nation's Facebook page.

Weather Forecast | Paskwa Fire (HWF030)

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 29 degrees and a relative humidity of 30 percent, with northeast winds of 25-35 km/h with gusts of 50 km/h.

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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Fire management personnel discussing work assignments for the day, May 21, 2023