



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

The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 22, 2023, at 9 a.m.

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

Today, crews will work to secure the northeast perimeter of the fire and work along the retardant line on the flank closest to the community of Garden River. Work will continue 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.

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

The current IMT will be transitioning to a new team on Thursday. Members of the IMT will meet with the LLRCN Chief and Council today to discuss transition planning and to outline where and how the IMT is able to support the work being done by the LLRCN and AEMA on re-entry.

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. Today the forecast is as follows, a temperature in the low 20 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 [h2ps://open.alberta.ca/blog/?page_id=206](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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The barge crossing to Fox Lake on the evening of May 21, 2023