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

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 worked to secure the northeast perimeter of the fire and worked along the retardant line on the flank closest to the community of Garden River. Two hotspots that were burning on the north side of the oxbow were extinguished and heavy helicopters bucketed along the easternmost edge of this area.

The Incident Management Team (IMT) met with the Little Red River Cree Nation Chief and Council to discuss re-entry timelines, the work that is being done to extinguish hotspots in the community and outline where and how the IMT is able to support the work being done by the LRRCN and AEMA on re-entry. Hotspots have dug deep into the ground and significant work remains to fully extinguish the fire in this area.

Crews are working 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.

There are 59 firefighters, 9 helicopters, and heavy equipment working on the Paskwa fire. Air tanker support is available as requested. Three eight-person firetack crews are scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

The Canadian Animal Task Force arrived today and will be meeting with the LRRCN Chief and Council tomorrow. The LRRCN and CATF will meet to agree upon the work that can be done to support the domestic animals in the community of Fox Lake.

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 in the low 18 degrees and a relative humidity of 40 percent, with southeast winds of 10-15km/h.

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- [Wildfire.alberta.ca](https://wildfire.alberta.ca)
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