



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 23, 2023, at 11am

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, 639 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 continue working to secure the northeast perimeter of the fire and along the flank closest to the community of Garden River. Yesterday, the far east end of fire perimeter along the oxbow was bucketed by heavy helicopters. Today, crews supported by medium helicopters will work to extinguish hotspots in this area.

Yesterday, an aerial survey was conducted of cabins on Deep Lake and Fighting Lake. The cabins that were surveyed were all unaffected by fire. Today, crews will work to extinguish hotspots near the cabins at Fighting Lake to further protect these structures

Hotspots have dug deep into the ground in the community of Fox Lake 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 today.

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

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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
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