



## **The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 23, 2023, at 8 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 72, 639 hectares. The fire is inside the Wood Buffalo National Park boundary and is approximately 8km from the community of Garden River.

Today, crews continued work to secure the northeast perimeter of the fire working along the retardant line on the flank closest to the community of Garden River. Crews continue to extinguish 30-60 feet into the burned area working along the oxbow to the Peace River.

Medium helicopters also bucketed on the east side of the oxbow where the fire has continued burning. Yesterday, an aerial survey was conducted of cabins on Deep Lake and Fighting Lake. The cabins that were surveyed were all unaffected by the fire, and crews extinguished hotspots near these cabins to further protect these structures. Many 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 have been working in Fox Lake to restore power and repair damaged lines.

There are 83 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 17 degrees and relative humidity of 55 percent, with west winds of 15km/h and a 70 percent chance of light to moderate precipitation of less than 5mm.

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### **Current information on wildfires can be found:**

- [Wildfire.alberta.ca](https://wildfire.alberta.ca)
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Helicopters bucket the Paskwa Fire on May 23, 2023