



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 26, 2023, at 8:00 AM

Overnight, the area saw high humidity and low temperatures, which helps limit fire spread. Today, temperatures are expected to be in the mid-20s with no rain. Crews will be watching for any increased fire activity as things begin to heat up and dry out.

Today, fire crews will continue to strengthen the wet line and retardant line on the northeast perimeter of the fire to prevent fire spread toward the community of Garden River. The fire is inside the Wood Buffalo National Park boundary and is approximately 8km from the community of Garden River. Structural protection remains in place in Garden River with crews ready to respond if needed.

Along the southwest perimeter, fire crews continue to extinguish hot spots and reinforce the dozer line, a fireguard created by heavy equipment, to prevent further fire spread toward Little Red River. Helicopters will be used to bucket water in support of ground crews as needed.

Work continues in Fox Lake to fully extinguish fire remaining in the community. Areas left burning are ground fires, many burning deep in the ground. Hot spots within 30m (100 feet) around every structure have been extinguished. A large number of hot spots remain in other areas throughout the community.

There are 79 firefighters, 10 helicopters, and heavy equipment working on the Paskwa fire today.

Evacuation alerts and orders

- Currently, Garden River remains on evacuation alert. Given work completed on the north perimeter along with favourable weather and vegetation conditions greening up, it was downgraded to a 72-hour evacuation alert.
- Little Red River Cree Nation has an evacuation order in place for the community of Fox Lake.
- For information regarding the evacuation, please stay informed by visiting the Little Red River Cree Nation's Facebook page.

Background

The Paskwa fire was detected on May 2, 2023, in the community of Fox Lake. This fire is classified as Out of Control (OC) and the last recorded size is 73, 936 hectares.

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Cooler temperatures and high humidity overnight along with further spring green up are helping limit fire behaviour. No precipitation is anticipated for the coming days and temperatures are expected to be in the low to mid-20's.

Current information on wildfires in Alberta 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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