



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 12, 2023 as of 8:00 p.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 24,634 hectares.

Due to the hot and dry conditions, the fire has experienced extreme fire behaviour on the northeast, and east side, spreading east towards the Wood Buffalo National Park boarder. Firefighters have also reported fire activity on the south side of the fire however; firefighters and support from the heavy helicopters were able to hold their control lines.

Firefighters and helicopters continued to make good progress within the community on hotspots. On the southwest side, firefighters and heavy equipment have been creating control lines along the fire perimeter, working their way up from River road towards the Peace River and great progress is being made. In addition, firefighters and heavy equipment are working east along the perimeter, east from River road. As of this update there is no further advancement to the cultural heritage site at the Little Red River and the fire remains on the south side of the Peace River.

Firefighters are using all of their available tools to control this wildfire. Ignition operation tactics reduce fire spread by using current natural barriers to control the fire line. Ignition plans will continue to be created to find opportunities to burn areas of concern along the fire perimeter. As the fire situation changes firefighters, helicopters, support staff, heavy equipment and airtankers will be working hard to re-evaluate their tactics to prevent fire spread to homes and critical infrastructure.

Today there is 48 firefighters, 13 helicopters, heavy equipment and airtankers as requested working on the Paskwa fire. Tomorrow there will be a 20 person unit crew arriving from New Brunswick and a 4 person helitack crew from Parks Canada.

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.

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 28 degrees, a relative humidity of 15 per cent and light winds from the west 10 km/h to 15 km/h.



Where can I find more information about the wildfires?

Current information on wildfires can be found:

- Wildfire.alberta.ca
- Download the Alberta Wildfire Status App 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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