



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 12, 2023 as of 9:00 a.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.

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. Additional firefighters and resources continue to be requested.

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. Today the forecast is as follows, a temperature of 27 degrees, a relative humidity of 20 per cent and light winds from the south 10 km/h to 15 km/h. The forecast is calling for a wind shift come the weekend with light winds coming 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](https://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>
- Follow Alberta Wildfire on Facebook, twitter and Instagram.

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