



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | May 8, 2022 as of 8:00pm

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 21,297 hectares.

Yesterday's slight reprieve in conditions decreased fire activity however the forecast for the coming days will see a return in continued hot and windy conditions. Today the fire experienced active ground fire with further spread on the south, northeast and east side of the fire. As of this update the fire is approximately 2.9 km away from the cultural heritage site and remains on the south side of the Peace River. Structure protection resources continue to work within the community on hotspots and will work throughout the night.

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. An ignition plan on the southeast side of the fire was successful in burning 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 reevaluate their tactics to prevent fire spread to homes and critical infrastructure. Today there is 67 firefighters, 11 helicopters, heavy equipment and airtankers as needed. Additional firefighters and resources have been requested not only for this fire but to assist with the provincial situation as well.

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 Facebook page.

Weather Forecast | Paskwa Fire (HWF030)

Weather Forecast – The Incident Management Team on the Paskwa fire has a Fire Behaviour Analyst and therefore the weather report will be fire area specific. Tomorrow's forecast is as follows, a temperature of 25 degrees, a relative humidity of 20 per cent and winds southwest to northwest 10 km/h to 15 km/h gusting 30 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>
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