



The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | June 21, 2023, at 10:00 AM

The top priorities for managing the Paskwa Fire are full extinguishment of fire in Fox Lake, protecting Garden River, and working toward securing the fire perimeter to prevent significant fire spread. The Paskwa wildfire is currently 96,582 ha.

Smoke is lingering in the community of Fox Lake and ground crews are still working in the community actioning smokes with bucketing operations. Today, crews will be working to extinguish hotspots and remove danger trees along within the community as they're spotted. These crews will be moved to action any surface fire if it arises in other areas of Fox Lake.

The southeast flank of the fire spread into the edge of Ruis Lake creating a natural fire break and extinguishment zone and will continue to be monitored as a precaution.

There are light-medium smokes surfacing in Fox Lake from within the burned-out fire perimeter as crews pile and burn off debris. This is a controlled and monitored practise to get rid of unwanted downed trees that have been piled to burn off and clean-up the wildfire zone.



Work has been completed in Fox Lake to extinguish 75m (250 ft) perimeters around structures, the removal of danger trees is ongoing. Crews have moved to the roadways to extinguish hotspots 250 ft outwards. Heavy equipment is working around larger hotspot areas where there is still potential for fire spread when conditions are right.

The high-volume water system, water lines, and sprinkler systems on structures are in place in the community of Garden River and structural firefighters will be available as needed. These are proactive measures to ensure the community is prepared should the fires move closer to Garden River.

Parks Canada and Alberta Wildfire have come together in Unified Command, allowing these two agencies to work together closely and share resources to protect the community of Garden River.

Paskwa conducted a scan on the wildfire lastnight and this morning scans will be analyzed for a better understanding of any hot areas within Fox Lake and the Paskwa fire perimeter. Many aerial scans have been completed over the course of this wildfire event and the information we receive from the data gives the operations team a better plan of where the deep burning hotspots in the area are located.



Davidson Lake fire (Wildfires 8, 9, 11, 13, 14) – Wood Buffalo National Park – June 21

Davidson Lake Fires were last estimated at **91,079** hectares and remains **6.2 km from the community**.

Fire behaviour has remained low since yesterday and is expected to be similar today.

The forecast for today is for light north winds and low relative humidity, with temperatures in the mid-20's. Yesterday, fire behaviour was mostly scattered ground and surface fire, with most activity concentrated on the southwest flank of the fire. The fire saw minimal growth yesterday and remains approximately 6.2km from the evacuation trigger line.

The small spot fire near the south end of the fire around Trident Creek that was observed on Sunday is currently estimated to be around 10 hectares. Air tanker support was requested yesterday to assist with laying retardant along this flank of the fire to help limit spread. The spot fire was boxed in with retardant and crews now have a hose lay to the edge of the spot.

An infrared (IR) scan of the Davidson Lake Fire is planned this week to identify hotspots for crews to focus suppression efforts on. The priority is to scan the south and southwest perimeter of the Davidson Fire and if time allows, they will scan the entire perimeter of the Davidson Lake Fire.

Crews again checked on cabins and infrastructure at risk yesterday and confirmed known values have not been impacted. The crews will continue to maintain structure protection today.

For more information on this wildfire please visit [Wood Buffalo National Park wildfire updates - Wood Buffalo National Park \(canada.ca\)](#)

Evacuation alerts and orders

- Currently, Garden River remains on evacuation alert.
- Little Red River Cree Nation has an evacuation order in place for the community of Fox Lake.
- For evacuation information, please visit the Little Red River Cree Nation's Facebook page and [Alberta Emergency Alert | Alberta.ca](#)

Background

The Paskwa fire was detected on May 2, 2023. It extends along the south side of the Peace River from the community of Fox Lake into Wood Buffalo National Park and is approximately 8 km south of the community of Garden River. The wildfire is estimated at 96,582 hectares. This fire is classified as out of control (OC).

Resources

There are currently 102 personnel supporting the Paskwa/Davidson fire response consisting of wildland and structural firefighters, incident management staff, and Paskwa Fire Base support staff. There are also 12 helicopters and 19 pieces of heavy equipment dedicated to the Paskwa/Davidson fire.



Weather Forecast | Paskwa Fire (HWF030)/ Davidson (Wildfires 8, 9, 11, 13, 14)

Today, a daytime temperature of 23°C degrees with winds out of the north at 10 km/h becoming southeast at 10 km/h mid-afternoon. Relative humidity will be 25% which is less moisture than we've seen in the last few days and we're preparing to see an increase in fire behavior this afternoon on the wildfires with the drying conditions.

Current information on wildfires in Alberta:

- [Wildfire.alberta.ca](https://wildfire.alberta.ca) or download the [Alberta Wildfire Status App](#)
- **High Level Forest Area** Updates: srd.web.alberta.ca/high-level-area-update
- Follow Alberta Wildfire on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- For fires in **Wood Buffalo National Park**: [wildfire updates](https://parks.canada.ca/woodbuffalo/wildfire-updates) (parks.canada.ca\woodbuffalo)

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