



## The Paskwa Fire (HWF030) | June 7, 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.

Yesterday, GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping of the fire perimeter was completed to give a more accurate fire size. The Paskwa Fire is currently 93,311 ha.

Yesterday, some areas of the fire did receive precipitation and combined with good overnight recovery (low evening temperatures and high humidity), fire activity is expected to be low-moderate.

Work continues along the entire north-northeast perimeter to remove remaining forest fuels and extinguish hot spots, keeping the fire south of the Peace River. Yesterday, fire crews started near 5th Meridian and will continue east, working along the oxbow to extinguish hot spots within the fire perimeter. Helicopters were also bucketing in the area. The fireguard is a priority to prevent fire spread north across the Peace River and to protect the community of Garden River.

Helicopters continue bucketing along the southeast perimeter, and today, if conditions are favorable, ground crews will begin fire suppression in this area.

Firefighters will work to extinguish hotspots from Little Red River moving to Muskeg Creek. The area will continue to be monitored for activity using heat scans from helicopter. Scanning is in planning stages for tomorrow and into the weekend for hotspots in and around the community of Fox Lake.



Work continues in Fox Lake to extinguish 75m (250 ft) perimeters around structures and the removal of danger trees. Heavy equipment is establishing guard lines around larger areas where there is still potential for fire spread to contain the fire while crews work to extinguish these hotspots.

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 assist as needed. These are proactive measures to ensure the community is prepared should the fires move closer to Garden River.

There are currently 104 personnel supporting the Paskwa Fire response consisting of wildland and structural firefighters, incident management staff, and Paskwa Fire Base support staff. There are also 12 helicopters and 22 pieces of heavy equipment dedicated to the Paskwa fire.



## Davidson Lake fires – Wood Buffalo National Park

**There is no current risk to Garden River from the Davidson Lake fires.** The fires in the Davidson Lake area are approximately 29,777 hectares combined and located 26 km northeast of Garden River.

Yesterday morning, Parks Canada fire specialists hosted a community meeting in Garden River to discuss containment options along the eastern edge of Fire 14, the largest of the Davidson Lake Fires, protecting structures and answered community questions and concerns. Parks Canada fire personnel will monitor for ignition opportunities in the Trident Creek area, as fire behaviour permits. A team leader for heavy equipment is stationed in Garden River, along with 4 dozers, an excavator and a water tender. Crews continue to maintain sprinkler systems that were installed to protect cabins in the area.

While the area received some rain yesterday morning, the Davidson Lake Fires have not seen any significant rainfall and extreme dry conditions will continue today.

### 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 93,311 hectares. This fire is classified as out of control (OC).

### Weather Forecast | Paskwa Fire (HWF030)

Today, a daytime temperature of 22°C is expected with southwest winds of around 25 km/h gusting to 40 km/h.

### Current information on wildfires in Alberta:

- [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](#) (parks.canada.ca\woodbuffalo)

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