

2023 Wildland Fire Season

In-Season Situational Awareness Briefing

July 6, 2023

Welcome - details for today's session:

- Due to our large audience, cameras and microphones are disabled for participants during the presentation.
- Please use the Q+A function using the menu at the top to ask questions and **include your email for follow up.**
- We will follow up on any questions that we are unable to answer during the session or do our best to connect you with the appropriate person to answer your question.
- If you have any questions following the briefing, please contact Dayna Drouin at dayna.drouin@ontario.ca

Purpose

1. To provide:
 1. An overview on the current Ontario Wildland Fire Season for situational awareness.
 2. Information sources to support ongoing situation awareness.
 3. Messaging for the audience to consider in their own respective preparedness activities.

Information presented will include:

- Current Fire Situation
 - Number of active fires and location
 - Number of hectares burning
 - Resources committed
 - Resources available
- Updated Weather and Fire Outlook
- Planned Next Steps based on Outlooks
 - AFFES Priorities
 - Fire Management Strategies and Tactics
 - Emergency Response Actions
 - Prevention and Mitigation Actions
- Appendices:
 - ***All background and supporting slides from previous week's briefings are now included in the Appendix section for reference.***

Wildland Fire Situational Awareness Briefings

- These briefings are focused on delivering general wildland fire situational awareness information and to open a two-way form of communication between the Ministry and those impacted by wildland fires.
- The briefings are not designed for urgent, emergency decision-making or to determine courses of action (strategies and tactics) related to safety.
- Information for decision-making is provided through regular established planning venues (e.g., community level, joint command, Ministry and partner decision-making tables).
- During the fire season, AFFES will manage the frequency and content of in-year briefings according to the level of fire hazard and/or (AFFES/MNRF Level of Fire Preparedness).
- ONTARIO Current Preparedness Level = 4
- NATIONAL Current Preparedness Level = 5 [CIFFC](#)

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Agency Fire Danger	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Current Fire Load	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Anticipated Fire Load (7 Days)	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Agency Resource Levels	Adequate	Adequate	Some Assistance	Assistance Required	Inadequate
Agency's Ability to Respond to CIFFC Resource Requests	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	No Ability

- As the fire situation is highly dynamic, briefing information provided as well as information provided through provided sources/links may not be the most current information.

Current Fire Season Situation

(As of July 6, 2023 @ 08:00)

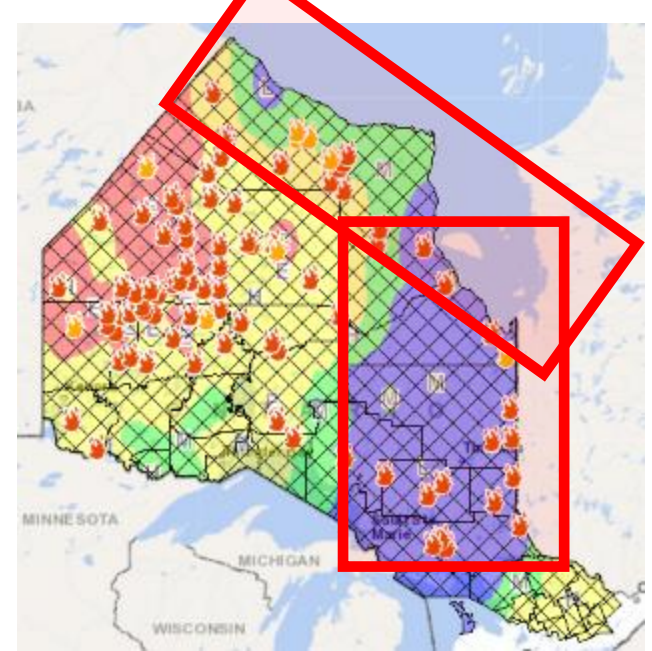
2023 Wildland Fire Information	West	East	Total
New Fires Yesterday (July 5)	4	5	9
Active Fires Today (July 6)	54	35	89
Total Fires to Date	243	145	388
Total Hectares Burned to Date	269,780.5	70,027.3	339,807.8
Historical Wildland Fire Information	Last Year (2022)	10-year Average	
Total to Date	110	294	
Total Hectares Burned to Date	2,395.4	117,903	

CIFFC is at Preparedness Level 5 – Ontario is at Level 4.

Northeast Region

Fires of Note as of July 5

[Forest Fire Info Map \(gov.on.ca\)](http://gov.on.ca)

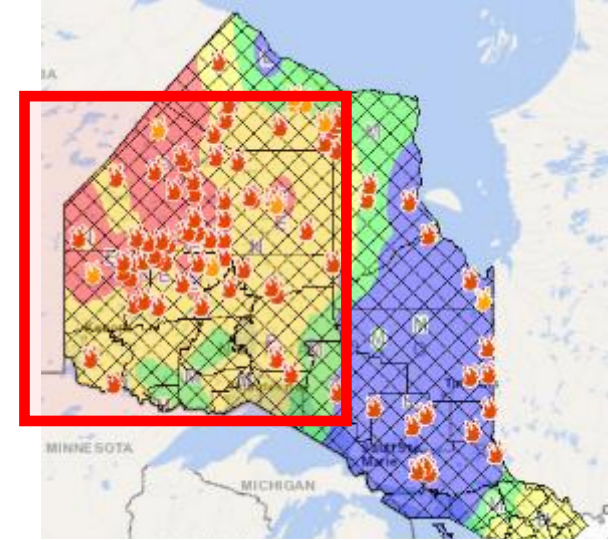


Fire	Location (approx.)	Size (ha)	Status	Comments/Description/Update
COC011	5km west of Fort Albany	805	Being Held	Crews continue to consolidate hose lines along with support from a belly tank equipped helicopter. The fire has not grown in size in several days.

Northwest Region

Fires of Note as of July 5

[Forest Fire Info Map \(gov.on.ca\)](http://gov.on.ca)



Fire	Location (approx.)	Size (ha)	Status	Comments/Description/Update
RED028	50km North of Lac Seul First Nation	19,177	Not Under Control	Helicopter bucket operations continued today on the northwest ends of the fire.
NIP013	West of Ogoki Lake	37,868.4	Not Under Control	The fire continues to be assessed for ignition opportunities. Helicopter bucketing operations are ongoing to limit spread.
NIP019	Northwest of Ogoki Lake	9,143.1	Not Under Control	Crews continue to work to establish hose lines with helicopter bucket operations providing support working the northwest end of the fire.
SLK033	Western edge of Wabakimi Provincial Park	60,394.4	Not Under Control	Crews continue to establish hose lines with heavy equipment and helicopter bucketing operations to help limit spread.
SLK044	West side of Lake St. Joseph	6,730.35	Not Under Control	Crews are establishing hoselines around the fire
SLK053	3.5km east of Bearskin Lake	334.2	Being Held	Fire status has changed to Being Held.

Current Fire Season Situation – Emergency Orders and Evacuations

(As of July 6, 2023)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	EAO As of Date	Comments/Description
Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)	Province Wide	June 1 (most zones), June 9 (entire region)	Due to extreme wildland hazard and increased wildland fire activity, in order to reduce the number of human-caused fires.
Emergency Area Order and Implementation Order	COC006, COC007	June 5	To limit travel through the area.

Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)

- Despite some rain or showers in parts of the province, some areas remain unseasonably dry and are supporting extreme fire behaviour and contributing to a significant fire load and demand for firefighting resources.
- In Canada, wildland fire organizations use forest fuel moisture and weather conditions to determine fire danger (including ease of ignition, fire spread and fire intensity). Forest fuels are the burnable materials like grass, leaves, woody debris, and tree branches found on the ground, on the surface, or in the air. Low fuel moisture greatly influences the flammability of a fuel and is the primary driver of all wildland fires. Fuel moisture is affected by temperature, relative humidity, rain, and wind. The overall fire danger can fluctuate rapidly based on the daily weather resulting in low to moderate fire danger one day, followed by high to extreme hazard the next simply based on the surface fuels drying out quickly leading to ease of ignition and higher rates of spread under the right conditions.
- Although some areas of Ontario have received precipitation recently, parts of Ontario have not had adequate precipitation to improve fuel moisture levels to reduce the long-term fire danger and overcome the effect of an unusually hot and dry spring and early summer.
- **The public Forest Fire Info Map, which shows Forest Fire Danger Ratings, is updated daily, and represents the danger rating danger for that day only due to the fact that danger ratings can change quickly. Due to the underlying dry conditions in some parts of Ontario, extreme fire danger and fire behaviour are returning quickly after rain. RFZ decisions must consider daily weather and fire conditions, as well as forecasted weather trends over longer periods of time and potential drying conditions following precipitation.**
- The overall weather forecast for the remainder of summer is showing hotter and near seasonally normal precipitation.

Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ) Cont.

- Despite the RFZ being in place to help prevent human-caused fires, MNRF is also actively responding to new fires (lightning and human caused).
- Our focus continues to be on priority areas where fire suppression efforts are most likely to be successful, with top priorities being the protection of firefighter and public safety, critical infrastructure, and capturing, where possible, new fires
- According to Ontario's Wildland Fire Management Strategy, each wildland fire is assessed and receives an appropriate response according to the circumstances, resources available, and condition of the fire. This means wildland fires that are an immediate threat to high-priority values, such as communities or infrastructure, will be responded to as quickly as possible to minimize damages and disruption. Based on daily fire growth and fire behaviour, anticipated fire growth, new fire starts, and forecasted weather outlook, the Ministry prioritizes resources and response efforts, accordingly, concentrating suppression efforts where they are most likely to be effective and keep people safe.
- Ontario currently has large fires on the landscape that require resources. To address those fires, AFFES is positioning resources from areas with lower fire danger to active areas.
 - Provincially, nationally, and internationally, fire suppression resources (aircraft and people) are extremely limited, and it is unlikely that Ontario will receive significant support from elsewhere in Canada or internationally.
- **For the time being, the RFZ remains in place. The Ministry will be re-evaluating the RFZS on a weekly basis.**

Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of July 6, 2023)

2023 Wildland Fire Resource	West	East	Total
Resources Committed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 39 crews• 25 aircraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26 crews• 10 aircraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 65 crews• 35 aircraft
Resources Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21 crews• 25 aircraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 crews• 19 aircraft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 48 crews• 44 aircraft

Comments/Concerns/Challenges of Note:

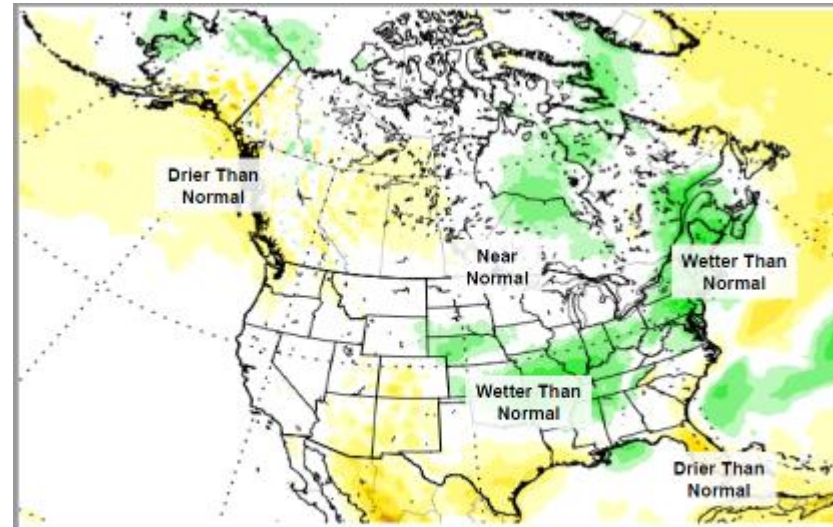
- Canadian Interagency Fire Center is at Planning Level 5
- BC, AB, SK, ON, QC, NS are all experiencing escalated fire activity

General Weather Outlook

(As of July 5, 2023)

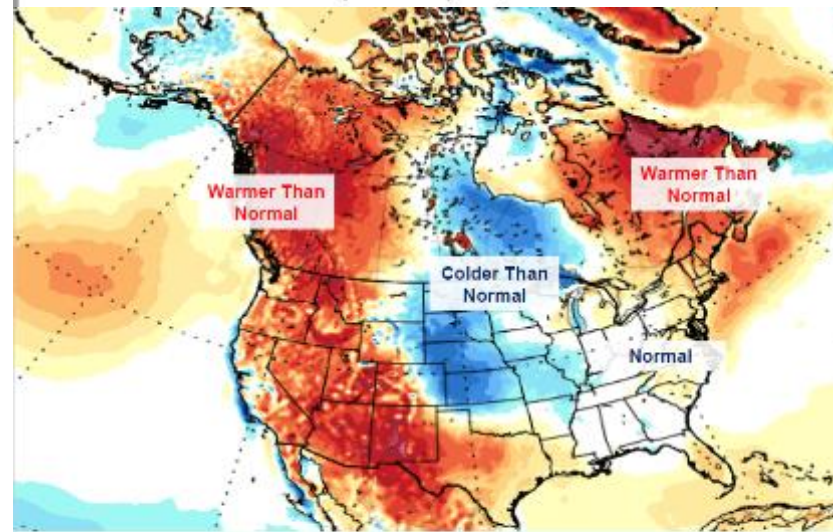
- There is high confidence that we are seeing a change in the overall weather pattern that brought drier than normal weather this spring.
- An upper low combined with a trough in the outlook period should mean a return to more normal temperatures and additional precipitation.

Seasonal weather outlooks are challenging due to the complexity, variability and uncertainty of the models. Due to the variability of weather, this outlook may change as updated information becomes available and should be used as identifying potential trends, as opposed to a forecast.



4-10 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 8 – July 15, 2023



6-10 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 10 – July 15, 2023



Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook

(As of July 5, 2023)

- **Current:**

- The fire hazard in the Northwest Region will be high to extreme again today. The Northeast Region will also have a high to extreme fire hazard today but will see the hazard drop to a low to moderate in its western sectors this evening as a cold front passes through with forecasted precipitation. Resources continue to be moved to priority areas across the province.

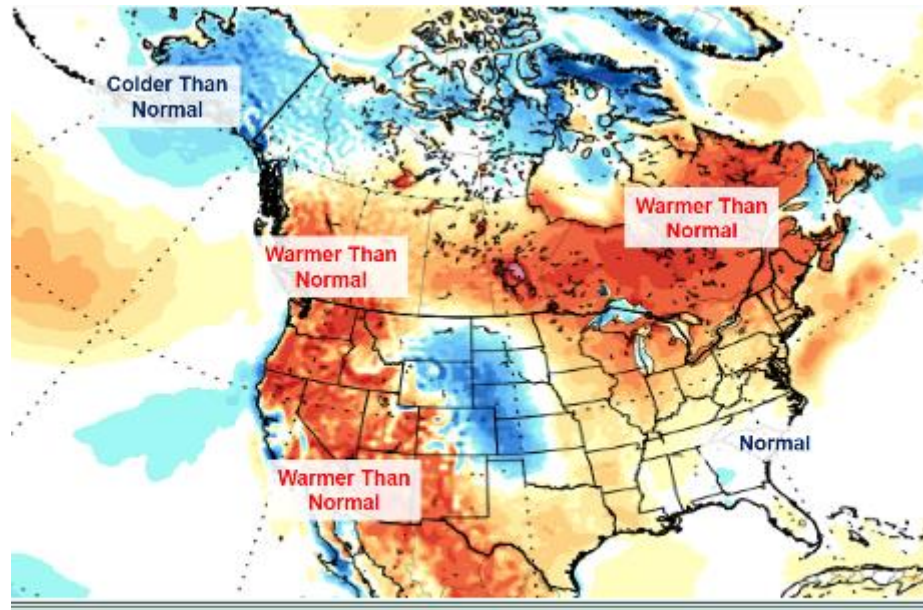
- **3-5 Day Outlook:**

- For the rest of the week, most of the province will fall into a pattern of sunny one day, rainy the next.
- Another cold front sweeps through the northwest on Friday, hitting the northeast by Saturday, then another low pressure system develops in the far north on Sunday.
- General accumulations are expected to stay mostly light through the outlook period with Southern Ontario being impacted the least.
- Winds will be fluctuating considerably but at least temperatures will consistently trend in the low to mid 20's.

Wildland Fire Outlook

(As of June 28, 2023)

- The 2023 Wildland Fire Season is presenting AFFES with numerous challenges. Extended drying conditions through the second half of May in both the NWR and NER created conditions favourable to multiple fire starts and fire behaviour that challenged all control action.
- The current fire load is straining available resources. Combined with extreme fire events across Canada, no resources are available through our normal mutual aid partners, and an unprecedented effort to find new international partners to supply resources is underway.
- The current conditions and forecasts indicate high fire load and high fire behaviour potential will continue for the foreseeable future across the entire province, with only short-term moderation of the fire hazard, until widespread, significant general precipitation is received.



11-15 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: July 3– July 8, 2023



Preparedness and Planned Next Steps

- **Overall Focus:**
 - Reviewing all incident reports for safety trends.
 - Actively monitoring weather to predict fire activity, occurrences and behaviour across the province.
 - Modeling and forecasting fire growth projections.
 - Actively personnel forecasting to account for availability, days off, priority actions.
 - Exploring and acquiring additional resources to support capacity (mutual aid agreements, contracted support, emergency fire fighting hires, etc.). This includes exploring national and international resources.
 - Mobilizing resources and personnel as required to ensure appropriate response capabilities to meet the forecasted conditions.
 - Replenishing inventory levels and ensuring fire suppression equipment is serviceable.
 - Conducting regular maintenance on all aircraft.
 - Utilizing legislative and regulatory authorities as required.

Preparedness and Planned Next Steps

- **MNRF Priorities**
 - Safety, Initial Attack, Protection of Communities and Infrastructure
- **Fire Management Strategies and Tactics:**
 - Incident Management Team (IMT)
 - Adaptive strategies (e.g., ignition, values protection, aggressive initial attack)
 - Fire prioritization
- **Emergency Response Actions (as required)**
 - Emergency Area Orders & Implementation Orders
 - Evacuations
 - NOTAM's (airspace restrictions)
- **Prevention and Mitigation Actions:**
 - Restricted Fire Zones – Compliance efforts will be increasing
 - FireSmart - Resources for protecting your home and property

Thank you for joining!

Please see appendices in the following slides for additional information and a refresher on information that was shared in previous briefings.

Also, please feel free to utilize our Q&A feature or reach out to us after the presentation with any questions you may have.

Material will be shared this afternoon.

Reminder: Calendar Item will be replaced with updated biweekly series.

Appendices

A Year in Review: 2022 Wildland Fire Season

- In 2022, there were a total of 275 fires with approximately 2,560 hectares burned.
- 1 fire greater than 500 hectares.
 - Timmins (TIM) 001—1,445 hectares.
 - Triggered the evacuation of Shining Tree (UT) and the closure of Highway 560.
- 10-year average: 803 fires for a total of 177,749 hectares burned.
- For comparison, 2021 resulted in a total of 1,183 fires and 784,463 hectares burned.

Resource Activity for AFFES:

- AFFES supported flooding response operations in Northwestern Ontario in the Spring.
- 167 AFFES staff were exported to support wildfire and emergency-related operations in Alberta, Manitoba, Minnesota, Northwest Territories (NT), Prince Edward Island and Yukon including:
 - Responding to requests for assistance to clean up storm damage in Ottawa (Derecho) and Prince Edward Island (Hurricane Fiona).
 - 2 * CL-415 Airtanker Groups were deployed to Alberta (July) and NT (August).

Wildland Fire Season Information Sources

- In addition to the regular briefings that will be occurring in advance of and throughout the wildland fire season, a number of additional sources of information are available, including:
 - **Daily Updates during Emergency Situations**
 - Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Provincial Services Division (PSD) and/or the Provincial Emergency Response Coordinator (PERC) will provide updates through e-mail communication and regular operational/strategic briefings.
 - **Daily Reporting**
 - The Ministry Emergency Operations Centre (MEOC) issues a Provincial Situation Report (SITREP) daily that officially reports on the number of active fires/floods and other relevant emergency data.
 - Customized reports or information based on need and state of escalation (e.g., IMS 209 Form).
 - **General Information Updates**
 - General information updates and wildland fire season status summaries can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.
 - By visiting Ontario's Forest Fire Information Map , Ministry staff, partners, stakeholders and the public can stay informed of the location, size, and status of all active wildland fires. The map also allows the user to view extinguished fires, existing fire perimeters, the current restrictions (e.g., restricted fire zone), the current forest fire danger ratings, 24-hour weather observations, and boundaries of the fire management areas, etc.
 - **Social Media**
 - AFFES utilizes its Twitter page to provide updates and key information throughout the wildland fire season.
 - Twitter: @ONForestFires
 - Additionally, the Ministry social media pages may provide updates and information.
 - Facebook: @ONresources
 - Instagram: @ONresources
 - **Daily Fire Situation Updates**
 - End of day fire situation reports from Northwest and Northeast Region – daily fire situation summary emailed to AFFES' media outlet contacts to provide the most up to date information for the next operational period.
 - Media contact reports – internal distribution list summarizing AFFES media interviews and public information.

Fire Season Communications/Information Contacts Structure

- During periods of normal fire activity, fire response or interagency response related to local fire suppression agreements, or when facing challenges locally, the first point of contact for all Municipal Fire Departments is the Sector's Fire Management Supervisor. Contact information can be found here: [Fire management offices | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)
- During periods of escalation, or when certain sectors see an increase in fire activity, potential threats to values/communities, and demands for communications/information, further comms support to Municipal Fire Departments and Municipal Officials for more strategic or systemic issues can be provided by the following:
 - Fire Management Supervisor
 - Sector Response Officer
 - Regional Fire Information Officers (contact info at [Ontario.ca/forestfire](https://www.ontario.ca/forestfire))
 - Local Fire Information Officers (if this role has been deployed)
 - Community Liaison Officers (if this role has been activated/deployed)
 - Incident Management Team (if team has been deployed to managed a specific fire or cluster of fires) – IMT Fire Information Officer as first point of contact

Fire Stages of Control

Stages of Control describing fire suppression



Not Under Control

A wildland fire that either has not yet been suppressed to the point where it is being held, or a wildland fire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.



Being Held

A wildland fire that indicates, with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.



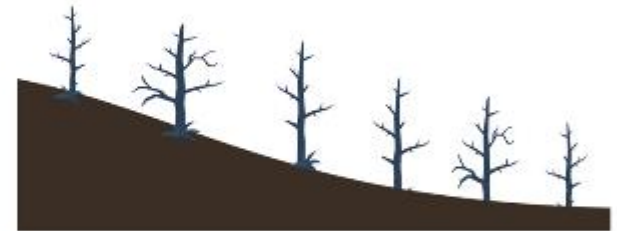
Under Control

A wildland fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.



Out

A wildland fire that is extinguished is called out.



Being Observed

A wildland fire that is being monitored to allow the natural ecological benefits of wildland fires to take place as they would in the natural environment without human intervention.



Wildland Fire Prevention and Mitigation Sources



FireSmart Program

[Ontario.ca/firesmart](https://ontario.ca/firesmart)
www.firesmartcanada.ca



Wildland fire prevention (campfires, ATV safety, fireworks, etc)

[Ontario.ca/fireprevention](https://ontario.ca/fireprevention)



Outdoor Fire Rules and Permits

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits>



Outdoor Fire Restrictions (Restricted Fire Zones, the law, penalties)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions>



Drone/UAV, Restricted Airspace and Waterbomber Safety

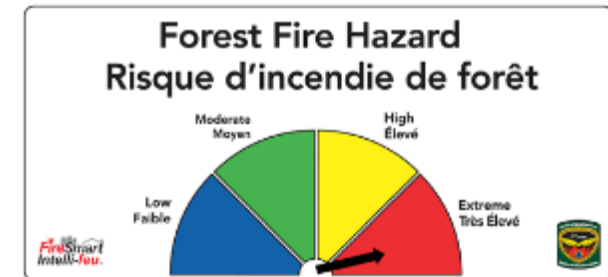
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/drones-waterbombers-restricted-airspace-during-forest-fires>

Communication and Mitigation Unit - Contacts

Topic	Primary Contact	Secondary Contact
General inquiries about fire management, fire season situation, etc.	Communications and Issues Management Lead (Dayna Drouin) Dayna.Drouin@ontario.ca	Provincial Coordinator – Communications and Mitigation (Sarah Allen) Sarah.Allen@ontario.ca
FireSmart Program, Community Wildfire Protection Plans	Provincial Coordinator – Communications and Mitigation (Sarah Allen)	Mitigation and Partnerships Lead (Chelsea Osesky) Chelsea.Osesky@ontario.ca
Forest Fire Suppression Agreements, interagency training, fire advisory services, partnerships	Local Fire Management Supervisors https://www.ontario.ca/page/fire-management-offices	Regional Fire Advisors: Shayne McCool – NER (Shayne.Mccool@ontario.ca) Ben Wilkinson – NWR (Benjamin.Wilkinson@ontario.ca) Ken Cox – SR (Kennith.Cox@ontario.ca)
Wildland fire communications, outreach and education	Provincial Coordinator – Communications and Mitigation (Sarah Allen)	Communications – Communications and Issues Management Lead (Dayna Drouin) Outreach/education - Mitigation and Partnerships Lead (Chelsea Osesky)

Wildland Fire Prevention

- **Restricted Fire Zones**
 - Currently in effect for fire region (Zones 1 to 36)
 - Temporary measure under the Forest Fires Prevention Act
 - Open air fires like campfires are restricted, with exceptions for cooking and warmth meeting prescriptions under the Outdoor Fires Regulation
- **Local fire bans**
 - Imposed by organized municipalities or Office of the Fire Marshal (in UT's)
 - Can be in place at the same time as RFZ
 - Must meet or exceed provisions set out in FFPA and O.Reg 207/96
- **Fire Hazard**
 - A general indicator of the condition of the forest in an area, how easily a fire could start, and how intense or fast a fire could spread if it started.
 - Important to maintain currency on Municipal hazard or danger rating signage
- **Fire prevention Communications**
 - Fireworks – not restricted under RFZ
 - FFPA provisions – restricting fireworks in or within 300 metres of forest area
 - Starting a fire from unextinguished hot residue can be charged under the Act & pay for cost of suppression
 - Municipal by laws and burn bans can allow for the restriction fireworks



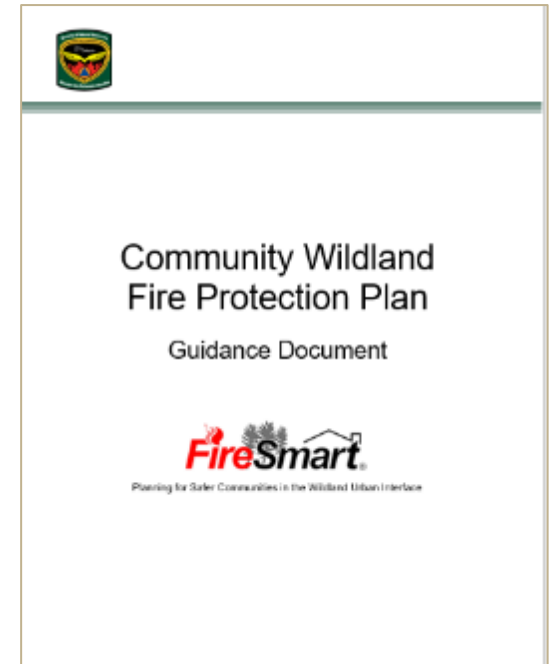
Wildland Fire Mitigation – FireSmart Program

- FireSmart is a national program administered by FireSmart Canada through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC), founded over 20 years ago under Partners in Protection.
- Ontario adopted the FireSmart Program in 2004 as part of its wildland fire management program.
- FireSmart focuses on the wildland urban interface, and helps homeowners, neighborhoods and communities to reduce their wildland fire risk, and increasing their wildland fire resilience.
- **Key Concepts:**
 - Seven disciplines:
 - Education, Emergency Planning, Vegetation Management, Legislation, Development, Interagency Cooperation, and Cross training.
 - Home Ignition Zones:
 - Immediate Zone
 - Intermediate Zone
 - Extended Zone
- **Getting Started:**
 - [FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#)
 - [FireSmart 101](#)
 - FireSmart Begins at Home app
- **Programs and Resources:**
 - [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#)
 - [Neighborhood Recognition Program](#)
 - [Brochures, Factsheets and Guides](#)



Wildland Fire Mitigation – Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans


- Emergency Planning is a key principle of the FireSmart program and includes the development of Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans (CWPP).
- CWPPs identify and assess vulnerabilities, and risks to communities.
- **Key Components:**
 - Stakeholder identification,
 - Community Description,
 - Community hazard identification and risk assessment,
 - Wildland fire hazard forest map,
 - Prevention and Mitigation planning and strategies, and,
 - Wildland Fire Response Planning.
- **Reminders:**
 - Review your CWPPs regularly,
Make sure all the information is up to date and accurate,
 - Share with your local Fire Management Headquarters.
- **Resources:**
 - Ontario FireSmart Communities Training
 - Contract Services/Consultants



Public Safety Communications

Waterbomber Safety

STAY CLEAR OF WATERBOMBERS




When waterbombers approach a body of water, move close to the shore so they can perform their scoop safely.

A water bomber will not scoop from a lake or river if encroaching watercraft pose a safety hazard.

Help fight forest fires by staying clear of waterbombers!

See all active Ontario forest fires at ontario.ca/forestfire, or learn more about us at ontario.ca/AFFES.

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Drones/UAVs

DRONE FREE ZONE



DO NOT fly drones within 3 km of a forest fire area.

You can put the safety and lives of pilots, firefighters and emergency workers at risk. It's dangerous and illegal.

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NOTAMs

NOTICE TO AIRMEN

RESTRICTED AIRSPACE AROUND FOREST FIRES



Notice to Airmen: Section 601.15 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) states that the airspace around forest fires is restricted to forest fire suppression aircraft only.

It is unlawful to operate any aircraft over a forest fire or within 5 NM / 10 km of a wildland fire at an altitude less than 3000 ft AGL. This includes private planes and UAVs.

Aircraft could interfere with low flying water bombers or helicopters and endanger the safety of pilots and crew.

Pilots are reminded that NOTAMs concerning forest fires can be found in the FIR (Flight Information Region) section when flight planning.

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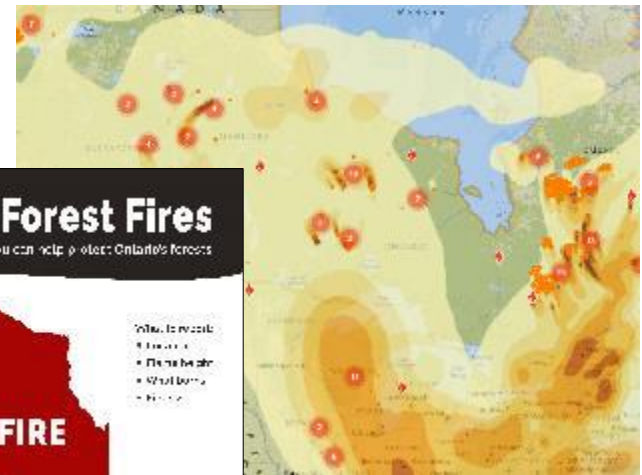


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Fire Management & Smoke Impacts

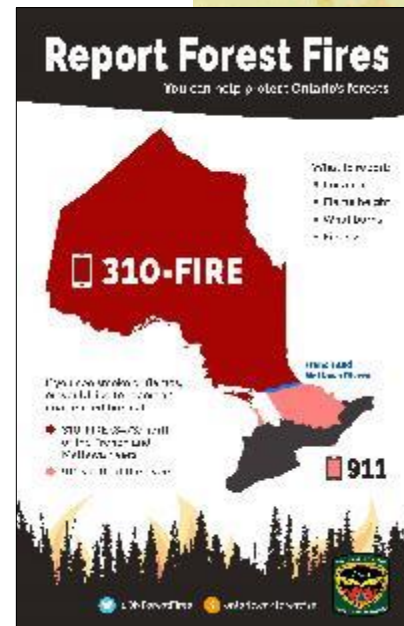
Ontario's Wildland Fire Management Strategy:

- Priority focus is protection of public, firefighters, communities, critical infrastructure
- Appropriate response to wildland fires – threat to communities, public safety and critical infrastructure focus for aggressive Initial Attack (IA)
- Daily fire growth, fire behaviour, new fire starts and forecasted weather assessments to prioritize resources and response efforts
- Indirect attack may be used to try and limit fire spread where necessary
- Some fires may receive limited response and continue to be monitored by MNRF – where no risk or threat to communities, people and critical infrastructure, and where fire on the landscape will enhance ecological benefits.



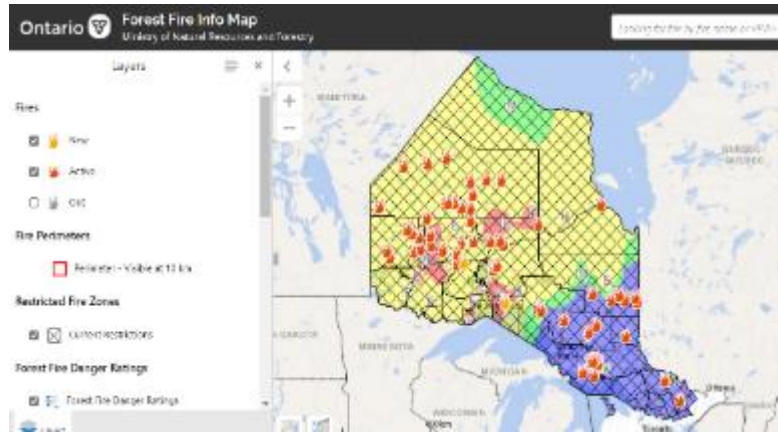
Smoke Impacts:

- There may be more fires on the landscape and fires may be burning on the landscape in some areas for longer periods of time
- Smoke may be more visible across Ontario, especially in areas that are not accustomed to impacts of wildland fire, from active fires in western provinces, Northern Ontario, and QC.
- Smoke forecasts and smoke drift monitoring – www.firesmoke.ca
- Health related concerns due to smoke – Call Ontario Health at 811
- Wildland fire reporting for smoke columns – 310-FIRE (3473), south of the French and Mattawa Rivers, dial 911



Wildland Fire Daily Information Sources

- **Forest Fire Information Map and Website – Ontario.ca/forestfire**



- General information updates, current restrictions and wildland fire season status summaries can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.
- Stay informed of the location, size, and status of all active wildland fires.
- Also shows extinguished fires, existing fire perimeters, the current restrictions (e.g., restricted fire zone), the current forest fire danger ratings, 24-hour weather observations, and boundaries of the fire management areas, etc.

- **Daily Fire Situation Updates (AFFES)**

- End of day fire situation reports from Northwest and Northeast Region – daily fire situation summary emailed to AFFES' media outlet contacts to provide the most up to date information for the next operational period.
- Contact AFFES.communications@ontario.ca to request being added to the mailing list



- **Smoke Information – General Predictions and Health Information**

- [Smoke Forecast - FireSmoke.ca](http://FireSmoke.ca)
- [FireWork: National Wildfire Smoke Model - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](http://FireWork: National Wildfire Smoke Model - Environment Canada (weather.gc.ca))
- [Air Quality Health Index \(weather.gc.ca\)](http://Air Quality Health Index (weather.gc.ca))
- [Forest Fire Smoke and Your Health - Emergency Management Branch - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC \(gov.on.ca\)](http://Forest Fire Smoke and Your Health - Emergency Management Branch - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC (gov.on.ca))

Daily Fire Information Sources – Social Media



- AFFES utilizes its Twitter page to provide updates and key information throughout the wildland fire season.

 **Twitter: @ONforestfires**

- Additionally, the Ministry social media pages may provide updates and information.

Facebook: @ONresources
Instagram: @ONresources



AFFES Posts of the Week

[Ontario Forest Fires \(@ONforestfires\) / Twitter](#)



 **Ontario Forest Fires** ✓
@ONforestfires

A big [#ThankYou](#) to residents of Moose Factory, Moose Factory Island Fire & Rescue, Pimipiciwak Healing and [#MooseCree](#) Tourism for their hospitality and for their help in transporting Ontario [#FireRangers](#) and fire suppression equipment along the Moose River! [#Cochrane16](#). [#ThankYou](#)

A photograph of three firefighters in orange gear and helmets sitting in a small boat on a body of water at sunset.

 **Ontario Forest Fires** ✓
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The [#Wawa](#) 3 fire (WAW003), which started on May 27 and reached 6678 hectares, has been called Under Control today! A big [#thankyou](#) to our crews and staff for their dedication to keeping our communities safe.

A photograph of three firefighters in orange gear and helmets standing in front of a white fire truck.



What the PEOC does

- **Staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year**
- Coordinates provincial supports and resources for the response to community emergencies and incidents, including evacuations.
- Can assist in facilitating the support to any requests for assistance from a community in response to an emergency or incident

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