



FOREST FIRE

News July 18, 2018

Lake Temagami Cluster Fire Update

The Lake Temagami cluster is currently managed by the Garry Harland Incident Management team from Ontario. There are 130 forest firefighters, with 6 helicopters working on fires within the Lake Temagami cluster.

Due to the recent rainfall and the higher humidity, reduced fire activity continues to aid firefighting efforts on all fires within the cluster. Firefighters were able to call North Bay 53, North Bay 65 and North Bay 93, OUT.

North Bay 69, which previously caused the evacuation of twenty homes in the Temagami area, is now under control. Firefighters, are now focusing on working their way deep into the interior of the fire to check for hot spots.

Crews continue to patrol and mop up North Bay 14, North Bay 22, North Bay 54, North Bay 64, North Bay 66, North Bay 75, and North Bay 80. All of these fires are under control.

Crews were also assigned to North Bay 68, this fire remains not under control at 396 hectares. North Bay 61 still not under control and continues to be monitored at 183 hectares.

Value protection systems remain on NOR68, NOR69, NOR55, and NOR56.



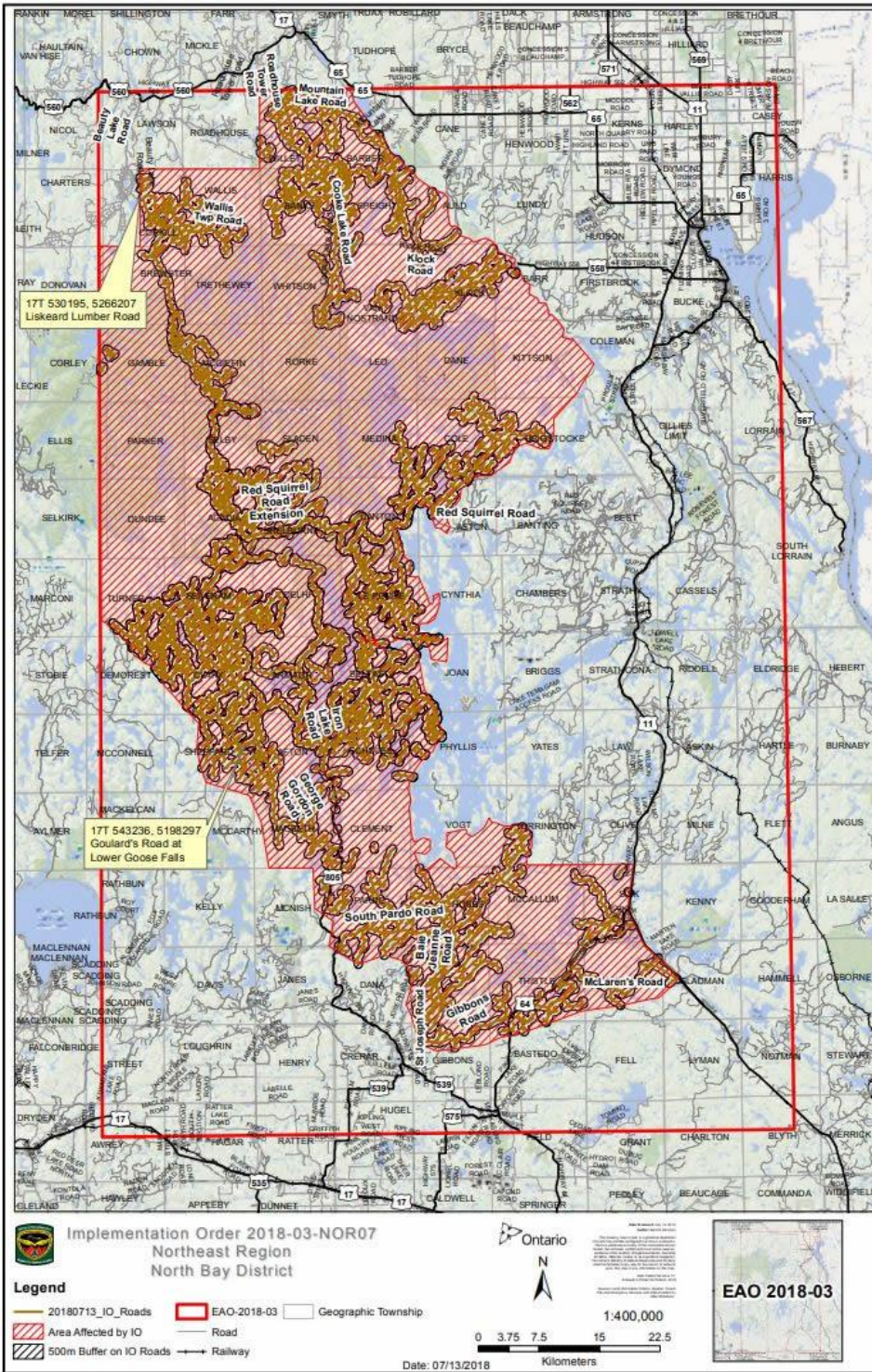
Wednesday's Forecast

Sunny skies are expected in the area tomorrow. As temperatures rise into the high 25C range winds will be light to moderate out of the southwest at 12km/h. Relative humidity values are expected to be at the 43% range over much of the Northeast Region.



Picture of the information session hosted by the Municipality of Temagami today

Travel Restrictions



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is prohibiting access in portions of North Bay, Sudbury and Kirkland Lake Districts where there are public safety hazards as a result of increased fire activity. Crown land camping, boating, day-tripping, hiking, ATViing as well as accessing private or commercial camps or cottages are not permitted in the area covered by the travel restrictions.

For inquiries about the travel restrictions, please call: 705-475-5546.

Restricted Fire Zone

A Fire Restriction remains in effect.

When a Restricted Fire Zone is declared, it is illegal to set a fire within the affected area. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$25,000 and three months in jail, as well as the financial responsibility for any costs incurred in fighting a forest fire caused by the illegal act.

If you need heat for cooking and warmth, you must use a portable gas or propane stove. Portable charcoal equipment (ex. BBQs, Hibachis, etc) are illegal for use during a Restricted Fire Zone, except close to a dwelling you legally own or occupy or in an organized campground.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> for more information.

Smoke Concerns

Many Ontario residents have reported smoke drift in their communities. Smokey conditions are expected to continue when fires are active until weather patterns change.

We would like to remind the public that if they do see flames or smoke, please report it. Stay away from the area for public safety.

If you have questions or concerns about smoke and your health, please contact TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000



Fire Crews in Temagami

Did You Know?

Fire condition is described using the Intensity Class system. There are 6 classifications for wildfires. As fire's behaviour increases so does the intensity.

Intensity Class 1

Very little if any visible open flame; smouldering.

Intensity Class 2

Low vigour surface fire. Some open flame, not very active or creeping.

Intensity Class 3

Moderately vigorous surface fire. Single tree may torch.

Intensity Class 4

Highly vigorous surface fire with single tree or clumps of trees torching.

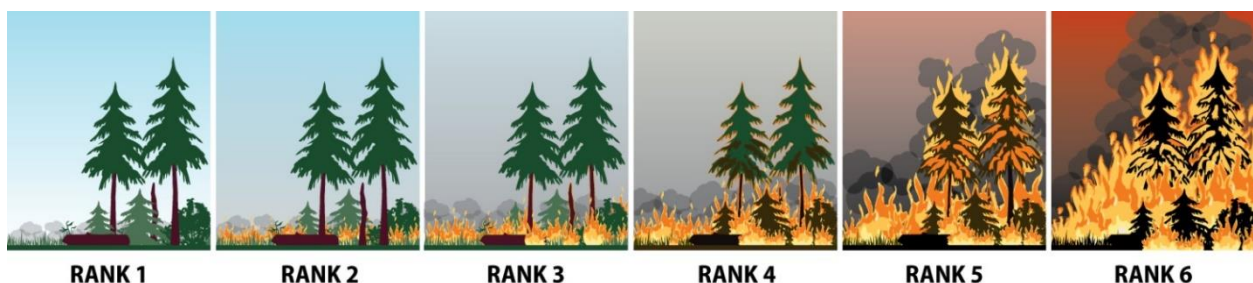
Intensity Class 5/6

Extremely vigorous surface fire or active crown fire. Major fire runs are probable.

Fire Size

Hectares (ha) are the unit of measurement used by the MNRF for fire size description.

1 football field = approximately 1 ha.



Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about travel restrictions: 705-475-5546

For general information about the fire situation: 705-564-6165

For information about highway closures: 5-1-1

For inquiries regarding Ontario Parks closures and updates:

- Finalyson Point (including lady Evelyn-Smoothwater, Obabika River, Makobe-Grays, Solace and Sturgeon River): 705-569-3205
- Marten River: 705-892-2200



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