



FOREST FIRE

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Lake Temagami Cluster Fire Update

The 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 Temagami cluster.

There were two new fires within the Temagami cluster today, North Bay (NOR) 109 and NOR112. Firefighters responded to NOR109 and were able to call it out at 0.1 hectares and NOR112 is not under control at 0.1 hectares. Due to the hard work of firefighters NOR14, NOR22, NOR54, NOR75, and NOR80 are also 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: NOR55, NOR56, and NOR68. Firefighters also continue to monitor: NOR18, NOR19, NOR46, NOR47, NOR61 and action priority areas with heli-buckets.

Value protection systems remain on NOR68, NOR55, and NOR56 and have been removed from NOR69.

Wednesday's Forecast

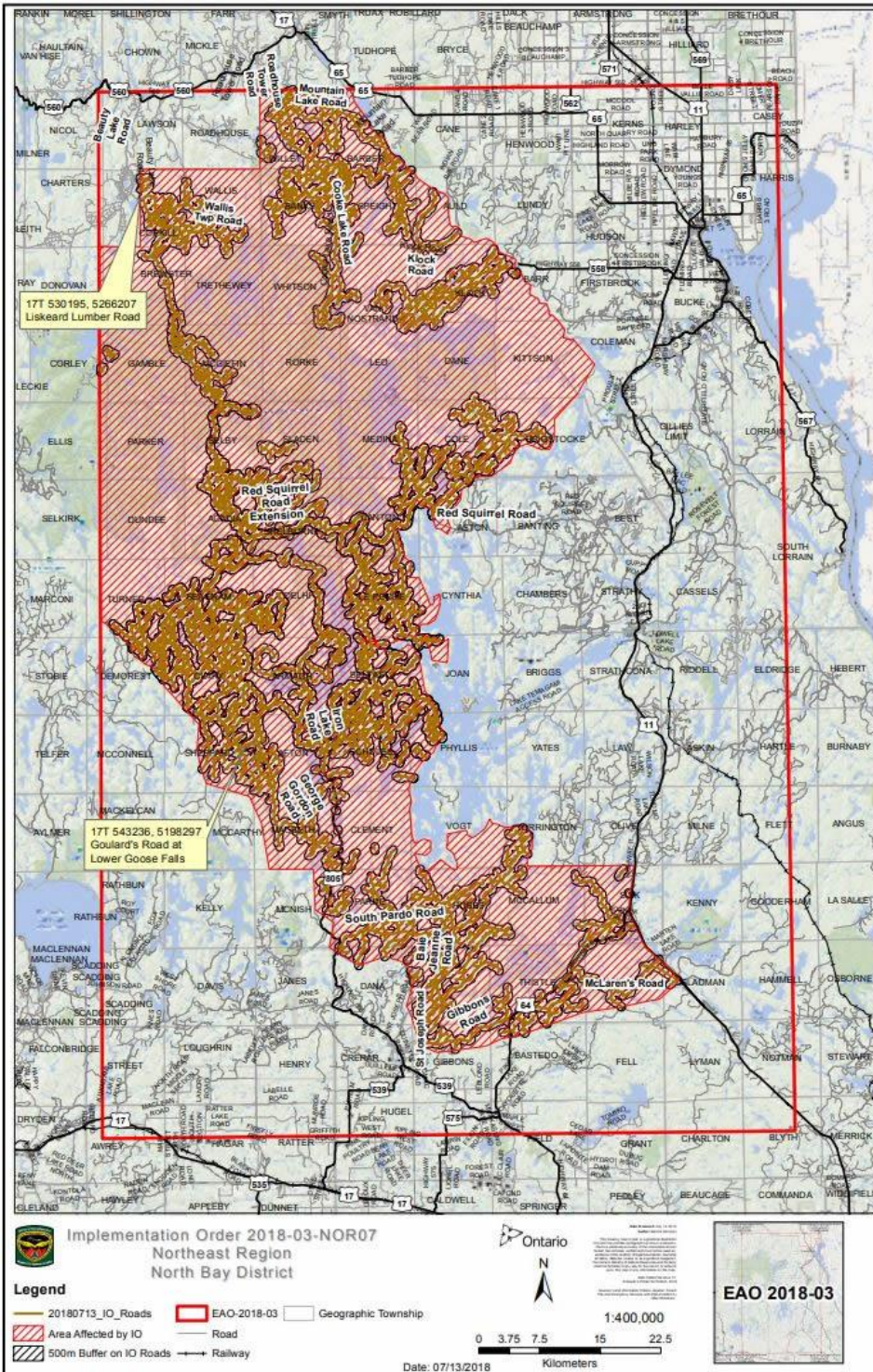


Sunny skies are expected in the area tomorrow. As temperatures rise to 27C range winds will be out of the south southeast at 10 - 20km/h gusting up to 25km/h. Relative humidity values are expected to be at the 33% range over much of the Northeast Region. An inversion is also expected in the early morning but will clear as temperatures rise.

Forest Fire Personnel from across Canada in Ontario



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 Restricted Fire Zone 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. Smoky 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 Crew in Temagami heading to a fire.

Did You Know?

Fire agencies across the country have a tradition of coming to each other's assistance whenever necessary.

In Canada, firefighting equipment, aircraft and personnel are shared under the Canadian Interagency Mutual Aid Resources Sharing (MARS) Agreement and coordinated out of the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC). This agreement lays out the terms under which resources can be shared, how resources will be made available, what costs will be involved and the conditions for their return.

In 2017, under this agreement, Ontario's Aviation, Forest, Fire and Emergency Services (AFFES) deployed 1,040 staff members out of province. Some of these individuals went out of province more than once. Of these, 997 people went to British Columbia, 8 were sent out of province to assist the CIFFC, 21 were deployed to Manitoba and 14 people travelled to Alberta to assist Parks Canada.

This year, the other parts of Canada are lending their hand to Ontario. We are currently receiving assistance from:

- Saskatchewan (24 personnel and 2 air tankers and 1 Birddog)
- Alberta (89 personnel, 8 Airtankers, 2 Birddogs, 960 lengths of hose plus other equipment)
- British Columbia (100 personnel, 1090 lengths of hose plus other equipment)
- Nova Scotia (22 personnel)
- Prince Edward Island (4 personnel)
- Newfoundland (4 personnel)
- North West Territories (23 personnel)

Additional resources are expected in the coming days from North West Territories, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Saskatchewan and Alberta.



Forest Fire personnel from across Canada come together to assist with the forest fire situation in Ontario.

In addition to co-operative agreement between the Canadian provinces and Territories, the Canada/United States Reciprocal Forest Fire Fighting Arrangement (CANUS) authorises the sharing of resources across the international boundary. Both Wisconsin and Minnesota have provided assistance to Ontario this year.

In addition, Ontario has arrangements with Australia, Mexico, New Zealand and South Africa. Requests for assistance from and to other countries are negotiated on an as-and-when needed basis.

Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about travel restrictions in the areas of the Lake Temagami/Lady Evelyn or River Valley Clusters: 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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