



FOREST FIRE

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Lady Evelyn Park Cluster Fire Update

The Lady Evelyn Park cluster is managed by the Dale Horan Incident Management team from Ontario. 238 firefighters and support staff and 11 helicopters were assigned to North Bay 72. Four CL415 Waterbombers and two bird dogs were dispatched to assist with suppression efforts on North Bay 72. The team continues to observe North Bay 59.



Extreme fire behaviour July 22

North Bay 72

- Gusty winds out of the northeast, coupled with high temperatures and low relative humidity produced extreme fire behaviour today.
- Heavy helicopters continued to bucket water onto North Bay 72.
- Sprinklers continue to run on values on Mendelssohn Lake, Skull Lake and Cook Lake.
- The fire will be remapped and resized tomorrow.
- The south flank of the fire filled in along the perimeter to form a straight line.
- The fire crossed the Makobe-Grays River.
- Two people left the Beauty Lake area as a precaution.
- We currently have firefighters from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, the Northwest Territories and Mexico.
- The Implementation Order for road restrictions in the North Bay district has been extended. The information will be updated on Ontario.ca/forestfire during the day on Monday July 23.



Forecast and weather information



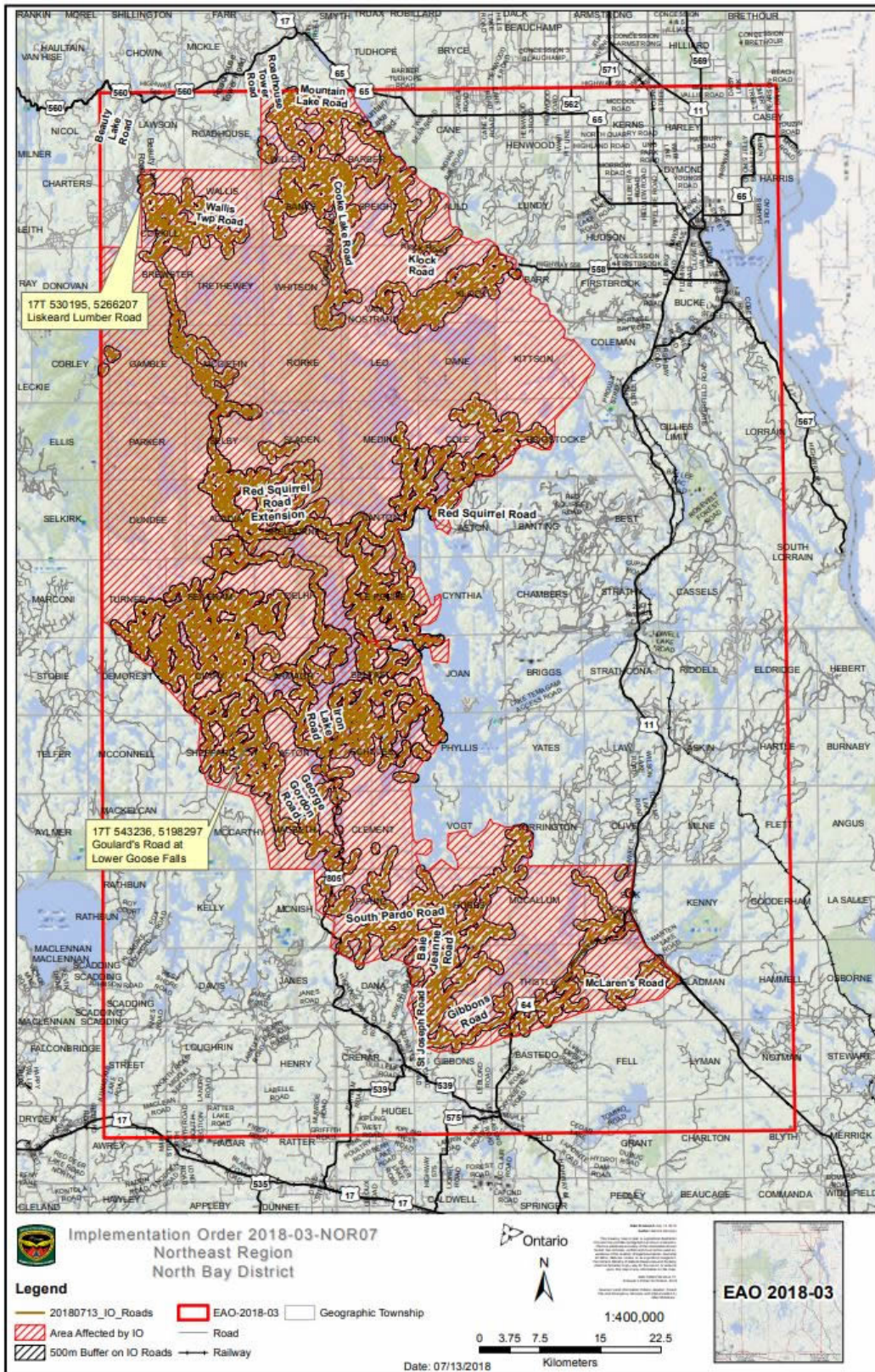
Monday's Forecast

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. A risk of isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Rainfall amounts generally a trace to 6 mm with locally up to 25 mm with thunderstorms. Easterly winds sustained from 5-10 km/h. High 19C, relative humidity 90%.

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. Crown land camping, boating, day-tripping, hiking, ATVing 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.

Did You Know?

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Aviation Services operate a modern fleet of fixed-wing and rotary aircraft. It also owns and operates a state-of-the-art flight simulator. The ministry's Aviation Services Centre coordinates and tracks all ministry flights, and Aviation Safety Officers ensure our commercial air carriers meet the required safety standards.

The fleet includes:

- 9 Bombardier Canadair CL-415 – dedicated to firefighting
- 1 Eurocopter 350-B2s
- 2 Beechcraft King Air 300
- 7 Eurocopter EC 130 B4
- 6 de Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otters
- 5 de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Mk III Turbo Beavers
- CL-415 Flight Training Simulator/Centre

While much of the flying supports fire management, the fleet also supports a number of specialty provincial resource management programs, such as fish and wildlife research and aerial rabies baiting.



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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