



# FOREST FIRE

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## River Valley Cluster Fire Update

The River Valley cluster is being managed by the Rick Moore Incident Management team from Alberta. This cluster includes two fires; North Bay 62 and North Bay 42. We are monitoring Fire 25.

There are 167 people working on these two fires including fire fighters from Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and Mexico.



### North Bay 42:

- Location: North of Red Cedar Lake
- Size: 350 Hectares
- Status: Not Under Control

### North Bay 62:

- Location: Southwest of Hand Lake
- Size: 2,500 Hectares
- Status: not under control

Fire behavior was relatively quiet today. In spite of the increased winds that started early today, the cooler temperatures and higher humidity levels helped suppress the fires. There was smoke visible on both fires today, from flare ups, hot spots, and wind driven surface fire, but the perimeters were quiet. Helicopters with buckets worked the active areas and crews continued to cut line and pull hose. There was no significant growth on either fire today.

We are monitoring NOR 025, west of the cluster, which is about 200 hectares in size.



### Monday's Forecast

We are expecting Monday to be overcast with potential for scattered showers, but no significant precipitation. Monday should see a high of 25 degrees, humidity of about 60% and winds 5-10 km/hr from the NE in the morning, E in the afternoon, and SE in the evening.

Unsettled conditions are expected again on Tuesday, with warm, dry conditions returning on Wednesday/Thursday.



Above: Crews from Mexico are ready to deploy to the fireline.  
Below: Briefing, packing food, and familiarization with the helicopters.



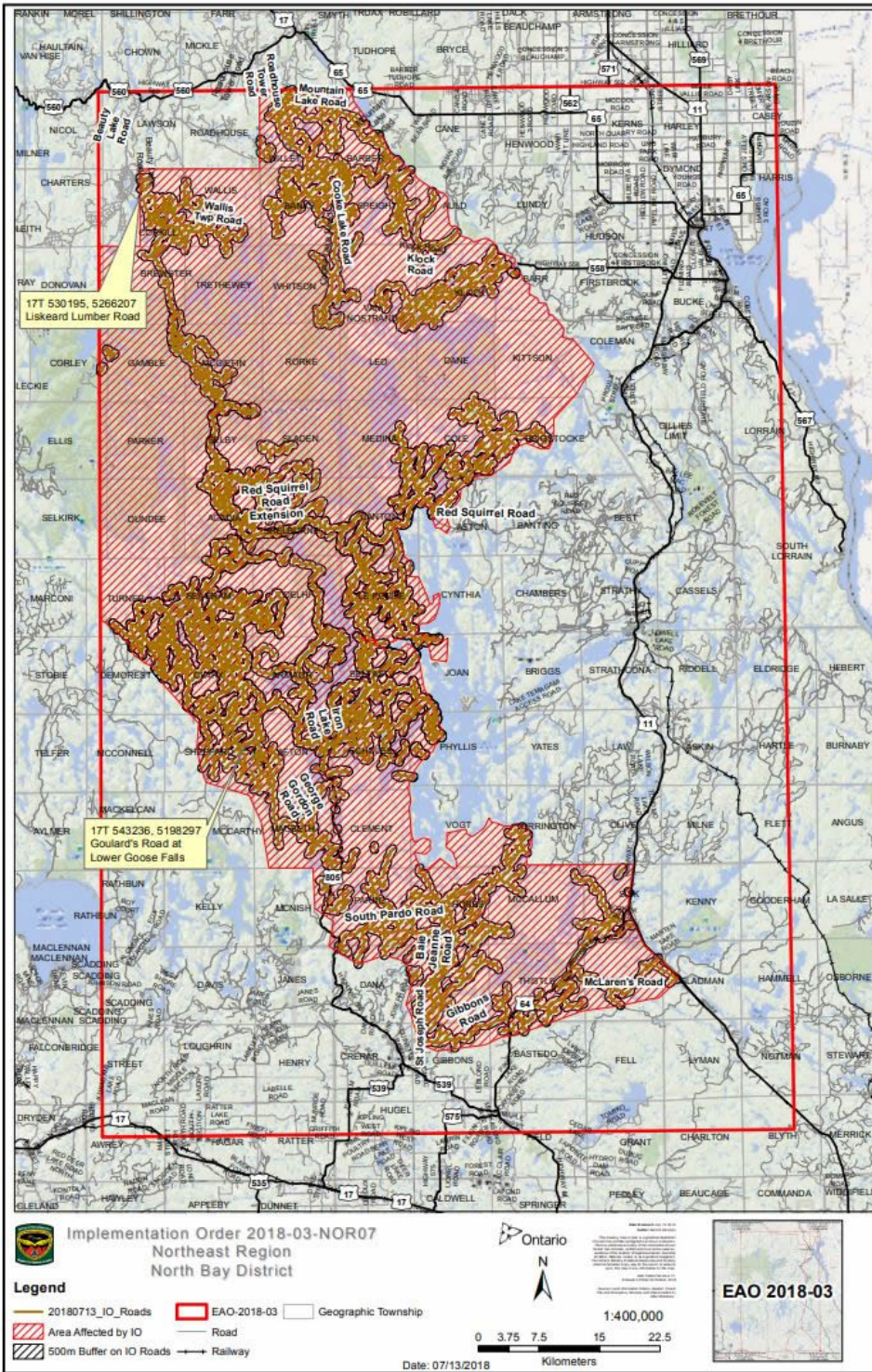


Above: Smoke in the background. Helicopter coming in over the lake to fill his bucket and head back to the smoke.



Left: Aerial view of fire 062. Look carefully and you can see the tree candling near bottom center, and the helicopter with bucket approaching from center right.

# 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 resulting from 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. 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 by calling 310-FIRE. 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 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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