



FOREST FIRE

News July 22, 2018 as of 23:00

Temagami Cluster Fire Update

The Temagami cluster is currently managed by the Garry Harland Incident Management Team (IMT) from Ontario. There are 45 firefighters, with 6 helicopters working on fires in the Temagami cluster.

Due to the hot and dry weather there was some activity on fires in the north part of the Temagami cluster. Crews continue to patrol and mop up: NOR55, NOR56, NOR68 and NOR69. Firefighters continue to monitor: NOR18, NOR19, NOR46, NOR47, NOR61 and action priority areas with heli-buckets and waterbombers.

Value protection systems remain on NOR55, NOR56, and were added to NOR47.

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

Wednesday's Forecast

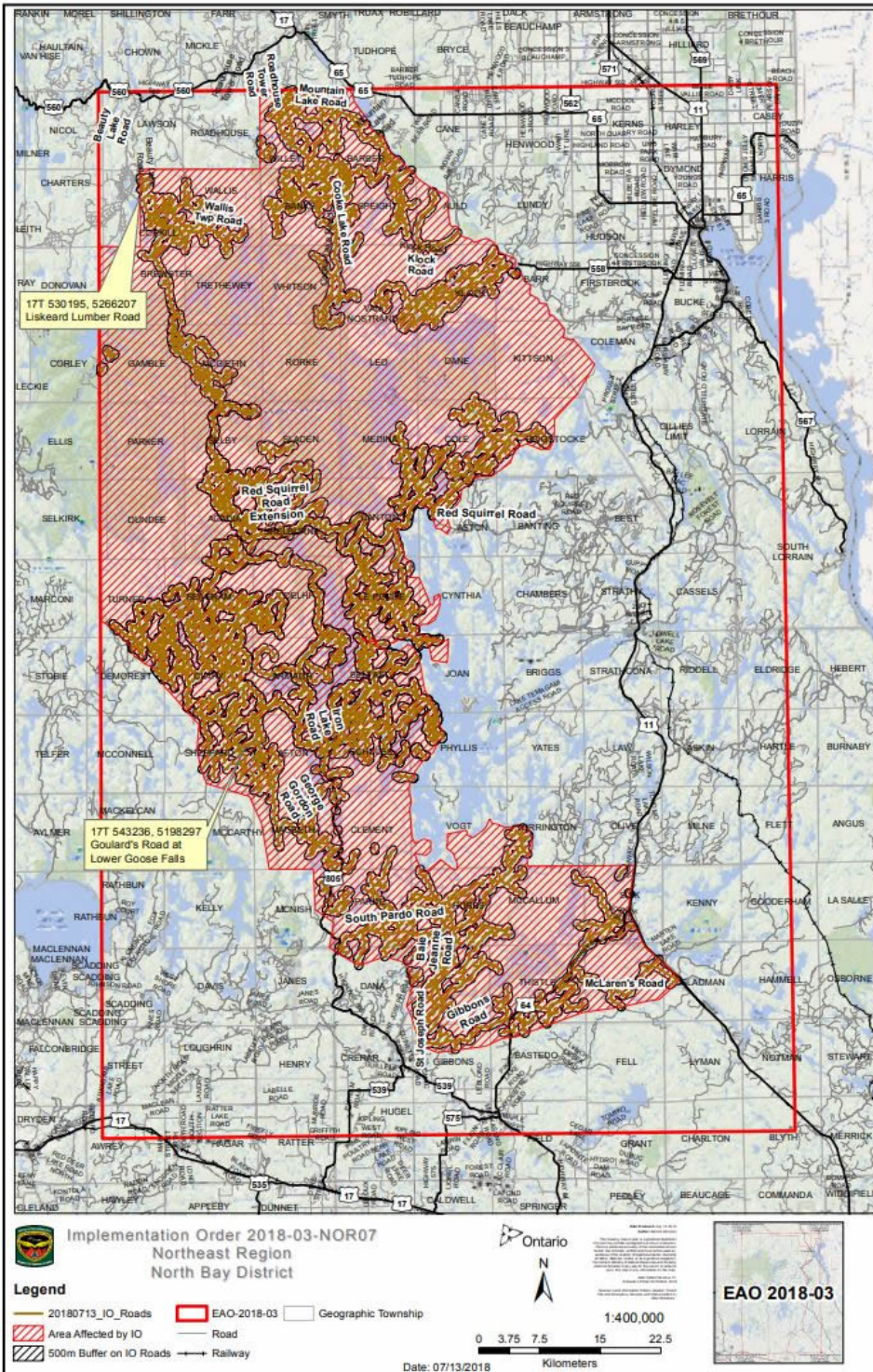


A mix of sun and cloud with a chance of thunder showers is expected for tomorrow afternoon. The temperatures will rise to 25C. Winds will be out of the northeast at 5 - 10km/h with a potential to change to a southerly direction come the afternoon. Relative humidity values are expected to be high into the 80% range.



Firefighters attach heli-bucket, to give support to firefighters on the ground.

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

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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