



FOREST FIRE

News - July 23, 2018

Lady Evelyn Park Cluster Fire Update

The Lady Evelyn Park cluster is managed by the Dale Horan Incident Management team from Ontario. This team will transition to Ontario's Bob Hurley team July 24. The fire is now 27,579 hectares. 238 firefighters and support staff and 11 helicopters are assigned to North Bay 72. The team continues to observe North Bay 59.

North Bay 72

- Rain brought welcome relief to the fire today allowing crews to regroup from yesterday's extreme day. The northeast portion of the fire received between 8 and 13 mm, the southwest portion received 25 to 31 mm and the northern portion between 11 and 20 mm of rain.
- Crews will continue to work hose lines on the perimeter of the fire.
- Sprinklers continue to run on values on Mendelsohn Lake, Skull Lake and Cook Lake.
- We currently have firefighters from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories and Mexico.
- The Implementation Order has been extended.

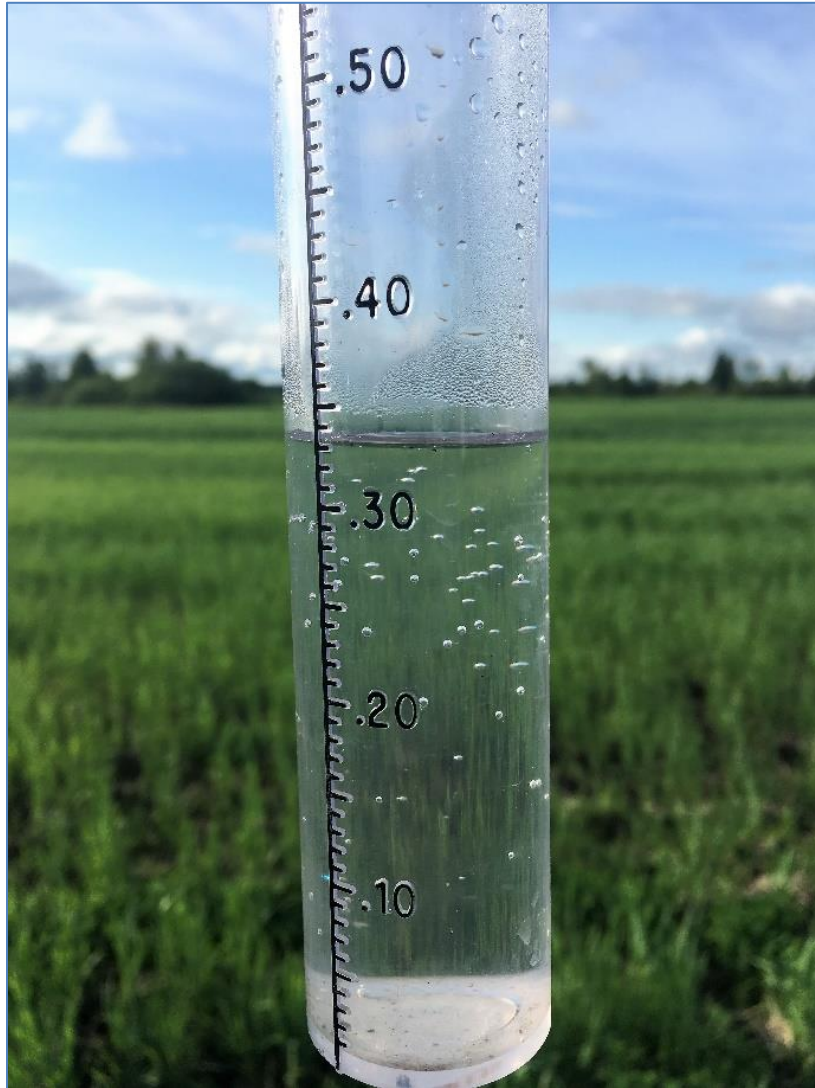


Forecast and weather information



Tuesday's Forecast

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. A risk of isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. Rainfall amounts predicted to be a trace to 5 mm. Winds will be southwest from 10 - 15 km/h with a high 21C and relative humidity up to 80%.

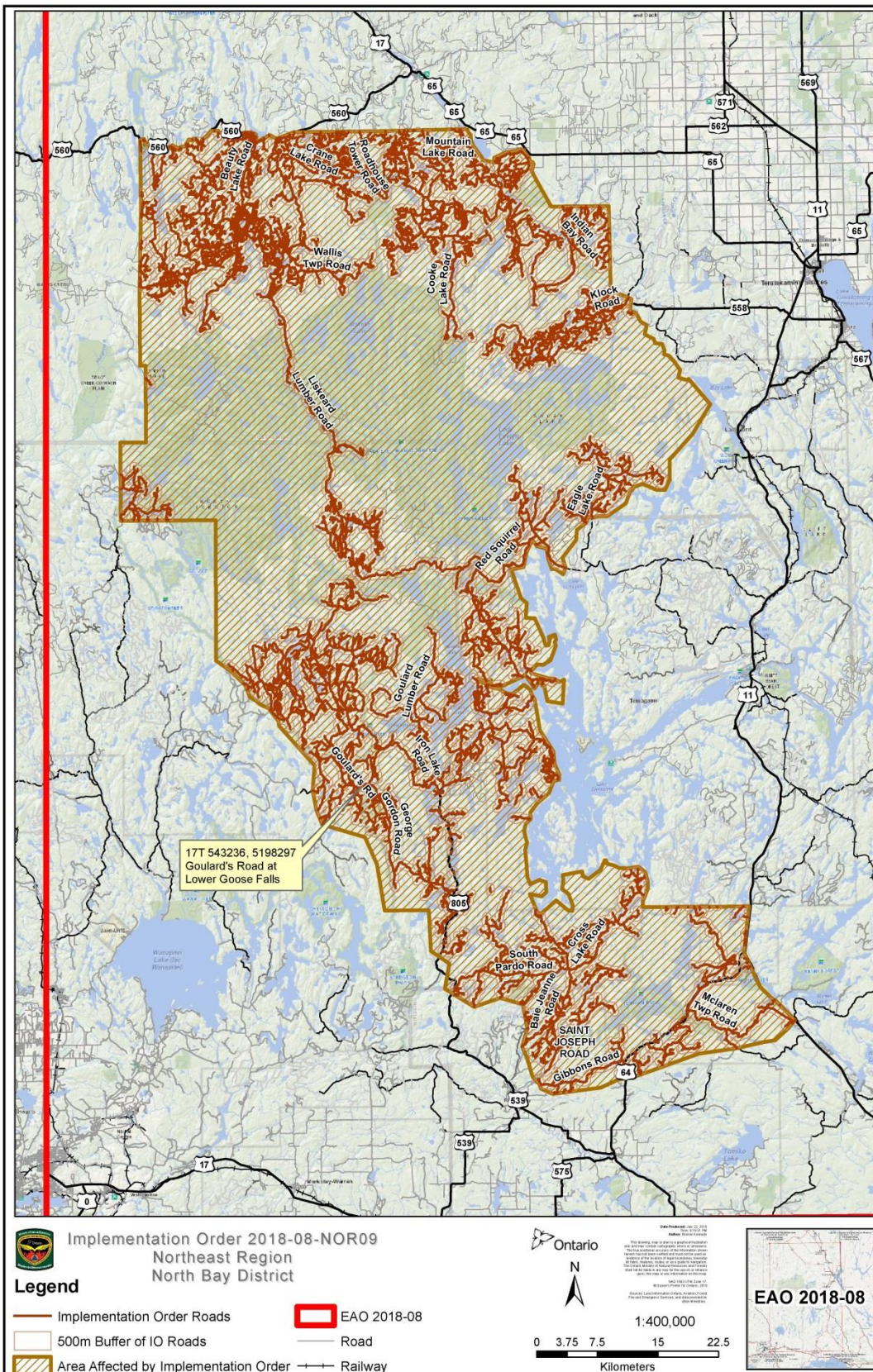


Rain gauge Earlton Fire Base 6 pm, July 23

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. 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.



Help fight forest fires STAY CLEAR OF WATERBOMBERS



When waterbombers approach a body of water, move close to the shore so they can perform their scoop safely.

A water bomber will not scoop from a lake or river if encroaching watercraft pose a safety hazard.

Aidez à lutter contre les feux de forêt RESTEZ À L'ÉCART DES AVIONS-CITERNES

Lorsque les avions-citernes s'approchent d'une étendue d'eau, déplacez-vous vers le rivage de sorte qu'ils puissent s'approvisionner en toute sécurité.

Un avion-citerne ne s'approvisionnera pas dans un lac ou une rivière si des embarcations font obstacle et posent un danger pour la sécurité.



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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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