



FOREST FIRE

News - July 18, 2018

Lady Evelyn Park Cluster Fire Update

The Lady Evelyn Park cluster is currently managed by the Dale Horan Incident Management team from Ontario. There are 172 firefighters and support staff with 11 helicopters assigned to the Cluster today. All resources were assigned to North Bay 72.



(Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services' Damon Hibbard captured North Bay 72 showing relatively quiet fire activity yesterday, July 17)

North Bay 72

- Heavy helicopters continued to bucket water onto North Bay 72 today, coordinating with crews on the ground. Fire behaviour was more aggressive today with higher temperatures and lower relative humidity. Crews continue to establish hose line along the east and north perimeter of the fire, which is approximately 11 453 hectares.
- The fire perimeter of North Bay 72 is approximately 80 kilometres.
- A successful controlled burn was carried out to reduce forest fuels. This strategy will bring the fire's edge up to natural boundaries, further reducing the risk of fire spread and eliminating the need for ground crews in that area.
- There were two new lightning starts in the general area this afternoon.
- We currently have firefighters from British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories.



- Other fires in the cluster remain Under Observation.

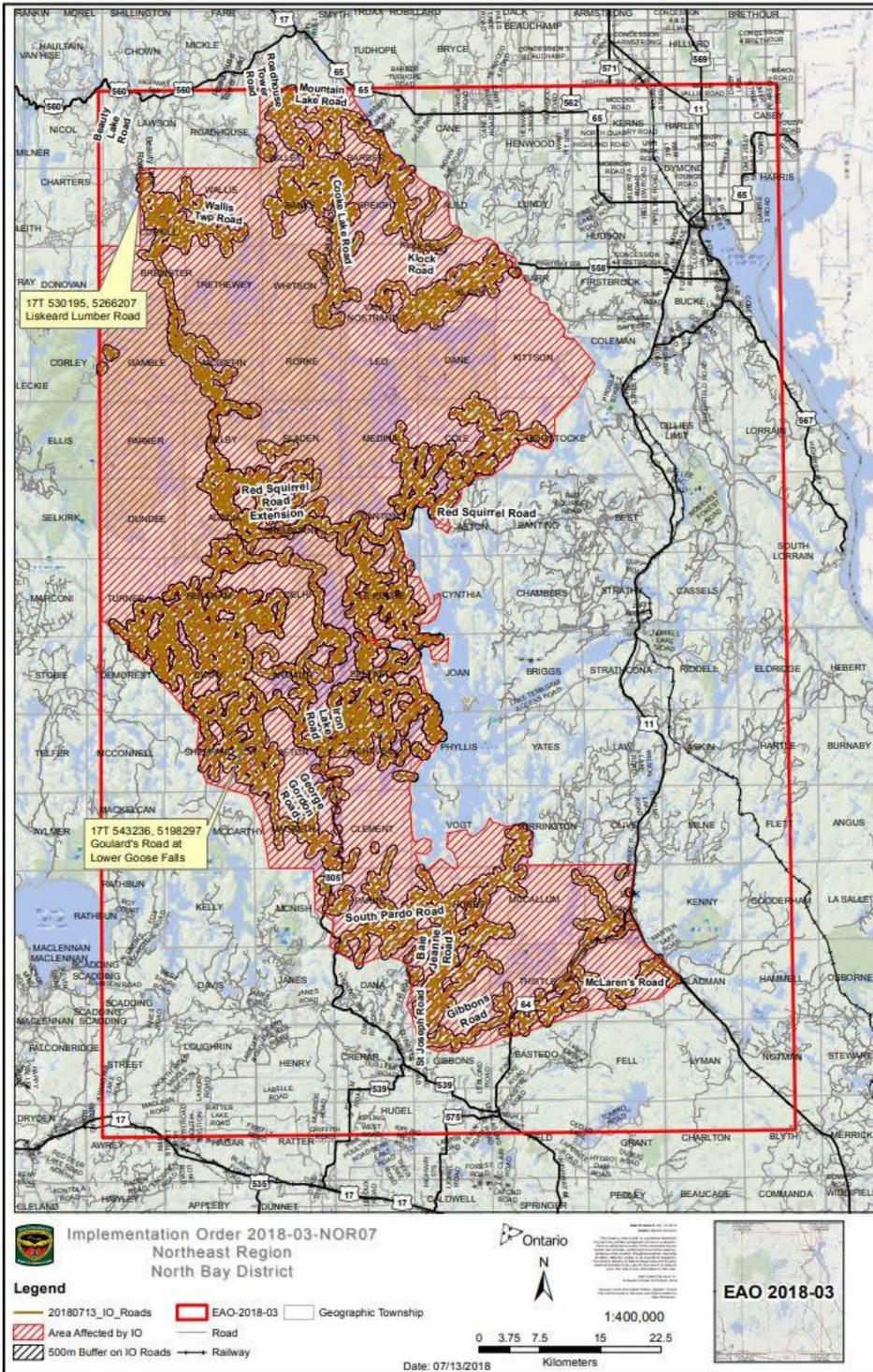
Forecast and weather information



Thursday's Forecast

- Winds in general will be moderate out of the southwest with occasional gusts to 30 km/h developing throughout the day. Relative humidity value forecast at 40%.

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 camps, 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.



North Bay 72

Did You Know?

Fire condition is described using the Intensity Class system. There are 6 classifications for wildfires. As fire's behaviour increases so does the intensity.

Intensity Class 1

Very little if any visible open flame; smouldering.

Intensity Class 2

Low vigour surface fire. Some open flame, not very active or creeping.

Intensity Class 3

Moderately vigorous surface fire. Single tree may torch.

Intensity Class 4

Highly vigorous surface fire with single tree or clumps of trees torching.

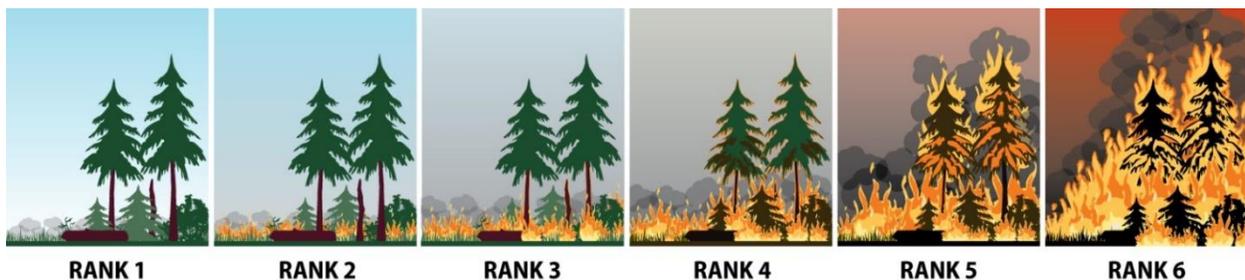
Intensity Class 5/6

Extremely vigorous surface fire or active crown fire. Major fire runs are probable.

Fire Size

Hectares (ha) are the unit of measurement used by the MNRF for fire size description.

1 football field = approximately 1 ha.



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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