



# FOREST FIRE NEWS

## Lake Temagami Cluster Fire Update | July 16, 2018

The Lake Temagami cluster is currently managed by the Garry Harland Incident Management Team from Ontario and encompasses fires around the Lake Temagami area, including fires to the east and the west.

The status of North Bay 69, which previously caused the evacuation of twenty homes in the Temagami area last week, has now been updated to 'Being Held'.

Due to the recent rainfall and the higher humidity, reduced fire activity has aided firefighting efforts on fires within the Lake

Temagami cluster. Firefighters were also able to declare NOR94 and NOR79 as OUT, yesterday.

Steep rocky terrain has challenged firefighters on NOR55, however, they continue to consolidate hose along the fire perimeter. Helicopters with water buckets supported firefighters on NOR56 and value protection systems remain on NOR68, NOR69, NOR55, and NOR56.

Crews continue to patrol and mop up; NOR14, NOR22, NOR32, NOR52, NOR54, NOR64, NOR65, NOR66, NOR75, NOR80, NOR93, and expect to have more fires called OUT in the coming days and fire activity has also been reduced on these fires due to the recent weather

MNRF has 155 firefighters with 6 helicopters working on fires within the Lake Temagami cluster.

## Weather Forecast

Today's weather forecast was calling for a temperature of 28C with a relative humidity of 49%. A cold front passed through the Temagami area in the late afternoon, bringing with it southwesterly winds at 15km/h gusting up to 30km/h. There were scattered thunderstorms in the area and we received reports of hail in the Kenabeek area. Isolated and variable precipitation fell in some localized areas of the region.

## Temagami Area Information

The MNRF has been advised by the Municipality of Temagami that the Mandatory Evacuation Orders from Temagami Shores, at the south edge of the town of Temagami, to Jessie Lake including Bell Island on Lake Temagami have been downgraded to an Evacuation Alert. Residents may return home however, must remain on alert as they can be asked to leave again at any time based on the fire situation.



Firefighters are working hard to consolidate hose around the fire perimeters in steep rocky terrain.



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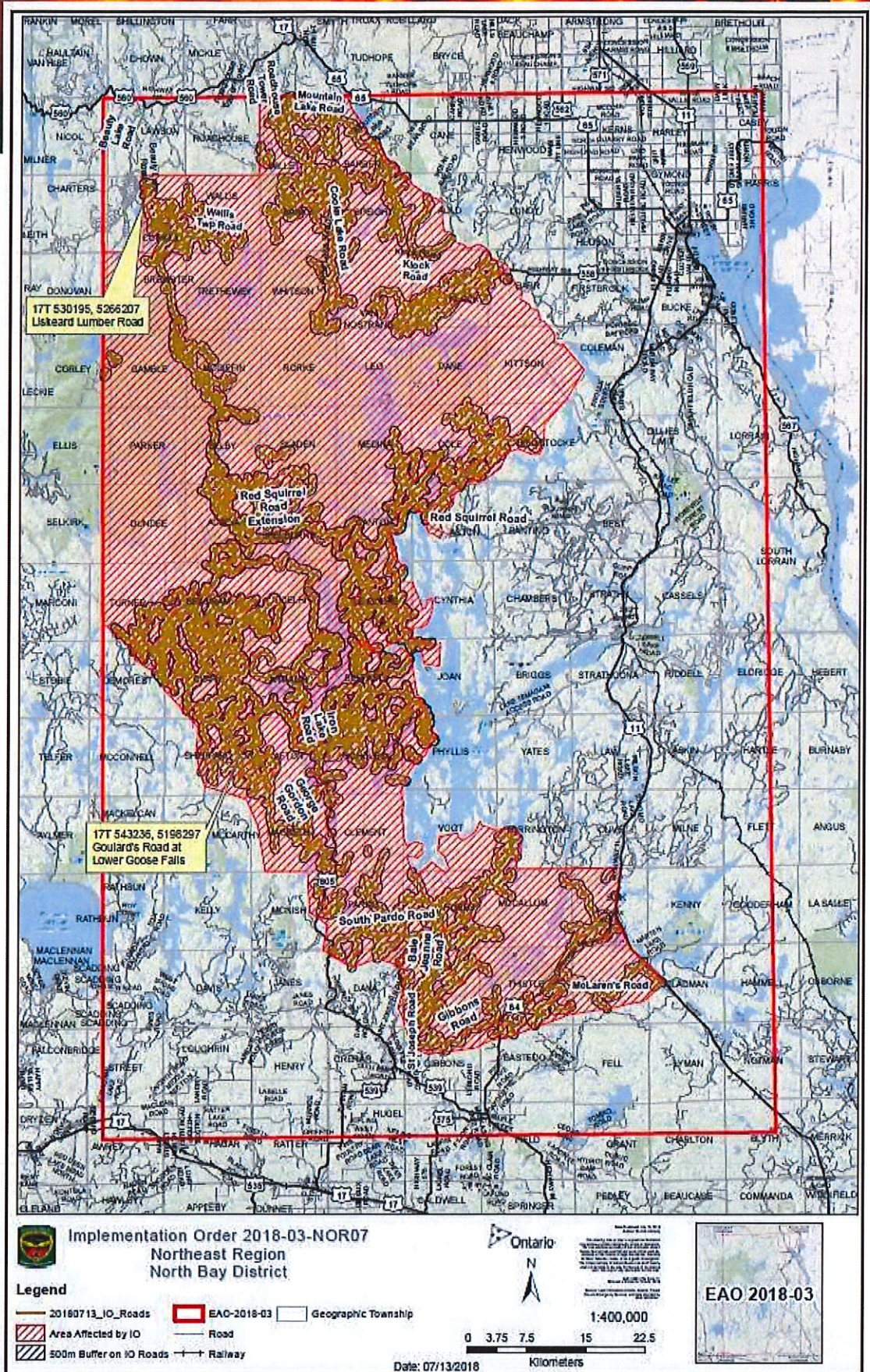


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## Travel restrictions

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, ATVing as well as accessing private or commercial camps/ cottages are not permitted in the area covered by the travel restrictions.

For inquires 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 (e.g. BBQs, Hibachis, etc) are illegal for use during a Restricted Fire Zone except close to a dwelling that 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, and stay away from the area in the interest of public safety.
- If you have questions or concerns about smoke and your health, please contact TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

## Contact numbers and online information

For information about travel restrictions: 705-475-5546

For general information about the fire situation: 705-564-6165

For inquiries on highway closures: Call 5-1-1

For public 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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## Did you know?

Stages of control are classifications assigned to fires that are being suppressed. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry uses the following four stages of control:

### Not Under Control (NUC)

Describes a wildfire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.

### Being Held (BHE)

Indicates that with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.

### Under Control (UCO)

Describes a forest fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

### OUT

Describes a fire that has been extinguished.



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