



# 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. Both fires changed status to Being Held this afternoon. We are monitoring North Bay 25.

There are 139 people working on these fires including fire fighters from Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and Mexico.



### Tree Mail: Fire Fighter Style

Firefighters camp on the fire line, pitching tents and cooking meals. The crew at this camp built a mailbox from a log. Is that a delivery from Amazon?

Look carefully! They made an arm with flagging tape attached so when paperwork is dropped and the arm is raised, they know they have mail.

Look very carefully – it says “NO JUNK MAIL”. This crew still has their sense of humor!

### North Bay 42:

- Location: North of Red Cedar Lake
- Size: 350 Hectares
- Status: Being Held

### North Bay 62:

- Location: Southwest of Hand Lake
- Size: 2,500 Hectares
- Status: Being Held

Fire behavior was relatively quiet today due to the rain, with some smoke, smouldering, and minimal open flame. Fires received between 30 to 35 ml of precipitation. Crews continued to lay hose line today, working towards controlling the entire fire perimeters.

We are monitoring NOR 025, approximately 200 hectares, west of the cluster.

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### Tuesday's Forecast

More unsettled weather is expected Tuesday as a cold front crosses the area in the afternoon. Showers and thunderstorms are possible with variable precipitation. Winds will be light from the southwest ahead of the cold front and from the west in the evening. Temperature tomorrow is predicted to have a high of 23 degrees, while relative humidity will be 60% with light winds.

Wednesday should be a more stable drying day with west winds. Weather conditions will be unsettled again for Thursday and Friday.

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Did you know...

Crews camp on the fire line. They are delivered by truck or helicopter to their section of the fire, and set up camp spots including cooking areas, clotheslines and tents.

Crews live and work out of these camps while they are working on the fire. Food and water are delivered every two days. Being a wildland firefighter is not for the meek!



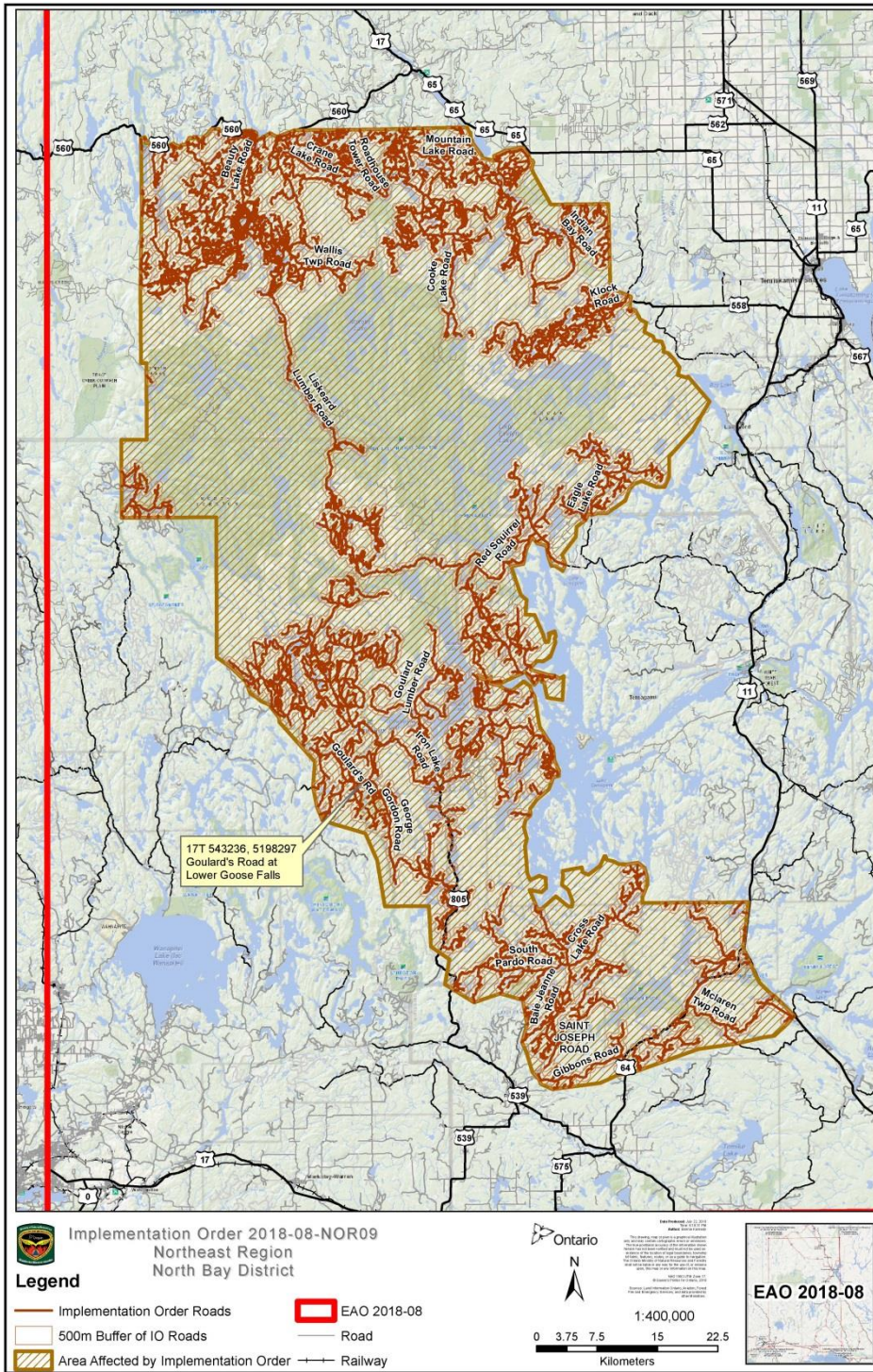
Left: individual tents

Above: crew just dropped off by helicopter

Right: crew flying to the fire



# 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



## 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 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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