



FOREST FIRE

News - July 31, 2018

Lady Evelyn Park Cluster Fire Update

The Lady Evelyn Park Cluster continues to be managed by the Bob Hurley Incident Management Team (IMT) from Ontario. This cluster includes the following fires North Bay 18, 19, 46, 47, 59 and 72.

FireRangers will be deployed to the south end of North Bay Fire 19 on August 1, 2018 to begin suppression efforts. This fire has been smoking a bit and shows heat on the infrared scans.

The MNRF continues to advise the public that an Implementation Order in the Elk Lake and Lady Evelyn area remains in effect and restricts access to certain roads, parks and Crown lands. Road blocks have been set up to notify the public of the closures. Within the restricted area, Crown land camping, boating, the landing of float planes, day-tripping, hiking, ATVing as well as accessing private or commercial camps and cottages is NOT permitted. Permits are required to travel through the restricted area. MNRF will maintain the Implementation Order in the Elk Lake and Lady Evelyn area as long as needed to ensure the safety of the public and FireRangers working in the affected area.

Travel restrictions in the River Valley area have been rescinded as of 1600hr on July 31, 2018.

The MNRF truly appreciates the public's ongoing patience, cooperation and support during this busy fire season.

Please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires> to view the current restrictions and for more information on how to obtain a permit.

For inquiries about the travel restrictions, please call:

- North Bay MNRF 705-475-5546.
- Kirkland Lake MNRF 705-568-3201.

North Bay 72

- The fire is classed as not under control and is approx. 27,285 hectares.
- There were a few smokes and hot spots observed again today but no notable fire activity.
- Values protection equipment remains in place for camps and cottages located on Mendelssohn Lake and Skull Lake.
- There is over 12km dozer guard along the northwest head of the fire.
- There are over 200 front line FireRangers assigned to this fire.

The Restricted Fire Zone Remains in Place!

The MNRF reminds the public that there is currently a Restricted Fire Zone in place for much of northeastern Ontario.

Some municipalities and townships have lifted their fire bans which are different than a Restricted Fire Zone implemented by the MNRF under the Forest Fires Prevention Act.

A Restricted Fire Zone is a temporary measure for extreme situations. As soon as outdoor conditions permit, the restrictions are lifted.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> for more information.



Forecast and weather information



Wednesday's Forecast

A low pressure system will be moving into the area bringing overcast skies, light rain and cool temperatures. Thursday we expect the low pressure system to stick around and continue with overcast skies.

Travel Restrictions

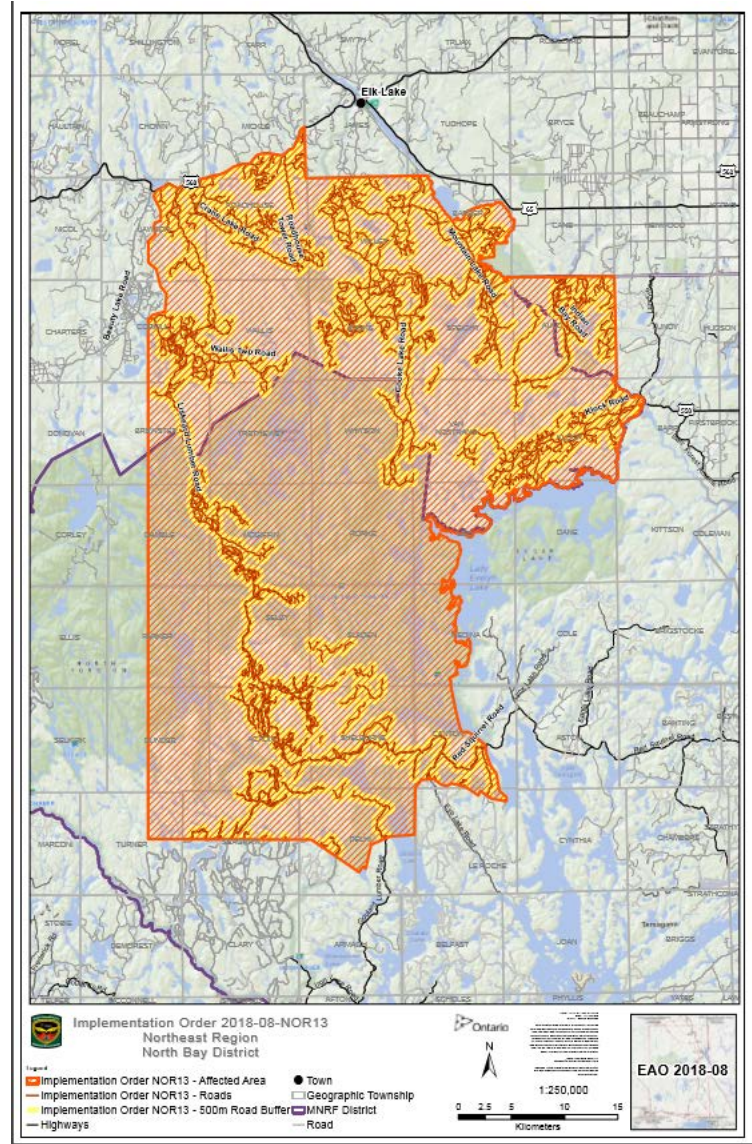
The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry continues to advise the public that due to the current forest fire situation in the Elk Lake and Lady Evelyn area, an Implementation Order remains in effect that restricts access to certain roads, parks and Crown lands. **Travel restrictions in the River Valley area have been rescinded.**

Access to areas within the Implementation Order area is restricted and road blocks have been set up to notify the public of the closures. Within the area, Crown land camping, boating, the landing of float planes, day-tripping, hiking, ATVing as well as accessing private or commercial camps and cottages are NOT permitted. Permits are required to travel through the restricted area.

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Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)

A Restricted Fire Zone remains in effect for the majority of northeastern Ontario.

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.

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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.

Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about travel restrictions:

- North Bay MNRF 705-475-5546.
- Kirkland Lake MNRF 705-568-3201.

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:

- Finlayson 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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