

Intelligence and Situational Awareness Unit

Bulletin

Event: Provincial Forest & Prairie Fires of Note

Location: Saskatchewan

Current as of: May 26, 2023; 10:30 hrs.

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INFORMATION

Currently there are 21 active fires:

- 5 Not Contained
- 3 Contained
- 3 Protecting Property
- 10 Ongoing Assessment

*2 ongoing assessments reflect the deployment of equipment to Alberta and British Columbia

Note: the information is current at the time of writing and subject to change.

Further information is located on the SPSA wildfire interactive map:

<https://gisappl.saskatchewan.ca/Html5Ext/?viewer=wfmpublic>

Wildfires of Note:

23BN-VERMETTE (Southwest of Dillon)

Current Size: 65,547.0 ha.

Resources: Type 1 Crew Members, Type 2 Crews, Type 3 Crews, Heavy Equipment, Helicopter Support

Communities<20km: Dillon, St. George's Hill, Michel Village

Values in Area: Highway 925

Impacts: Evacuation of Priority 1 and 2 people from Dillon, St. George's Hill, Michel Village

Crews will work to contain all hot spots around the northeast side of the fire towards St. George's Hill using heavy equipment for water support in the dry areas. Crews will also continue to move to the northwest corner of the fire to

construct helicopter pads in order to move crews in to work on the perimeter and suppress all hot spots in the area of concern assisted by helicopter support as needed.

23LX-SHAW (Between Buffalo Narrows and Ile-A-La Crosse)

Current Size: 133,113.0 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew Members, Type 2 Crews, Heavy Equipment, Helicopter Support, Air Tanker Support
Communities<20km: Buffalo Narrows, Ile-A-La Crosse
Values in Area: Highway 925, Highway 155, Highway 908, SaskPower Infrastructure
Impacts: Evacuation of Priority 1 and 2 people from Buffalo Narrows, Ile-A-La Crosse, Patuanak

Crews continue suppression efforts near Highways 908, 155 and 925. Crews are also concentrating efforts by powerlines around the Niska Channel. Values protection units will continue to be serviced as needed.

23LA-WISTIGO (Southeast of Pinehouse Lake)

Current Size: 62,766.0 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew members, Type 2 Crews, Type 3 Crews, Heavy Equipment, Helicopter Support
Values in area: Highway 165, Highway 910, Besnard Correctional Camp, Besnard Lake Lodge, Commercial Timber.
Impacts: Besnard Correctional Camp evacuation

Values protection work continues the southeast corner of Pinehouse Lake, and values protection units are being redeployed as needed. Dozer line construction continues along Highway 910 and crews continue suppression efforts on the northwest, and south sides of the fire around Highway 165.

23LA-SHARP (North of La Ronge)

Current Size: 17,965.0 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew Members, Type 2 Crews, Helicopter Support, Air Tanker Support
Communities<20km: Sucker River, Northern Admin District of Wadin Bay
Values in Area: Highway 102, Sucker River Cultural Camp, McKay Lake Recreation site, Wadin Bay Recreation site.
Impacts: McKay Lake and Wadin Bay campgrounds are closed.

Values protection work to occur in the north end of Nemebien Lake. Crews will continue working to extinguish hot spots, and to establish helicopter pads on the south side of the fire.

23DB-KPIR02 (South of Deschambault Lake)

Current Size: 4,605.4 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew Members, Type 2 Crews, Type 3 Crews, Helicopter Support, Air Tanker Support
Communities<20km: Deschambault Lake
Values in Area: Highway 911
Impacts: Highway 911 intermittent closure, Deschambault Lake evacuation.

Crews will continue to work at the southern end of the fire, putting in hose lines from Crooked Lake to the road, and northeast from the road to tie off into the burnt area and natural boundaries.