

Intelligence and Situational Awareness Unit

Bulletin

Event: Provincial Forest & Prairie Fires of Note

Location: Saskatchewan

Current as of: June 1, 2023; 10:30 hrs.

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INFORMATION

Currently there are 20 active fires:

- 7 Not Contained
- 1 Contained
- 4 Protecting Property
- 8 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-AARON (Northeast of La Loche)

Current Size: 1,613.6 ha.

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

Communities<20km: Clearwater River Dene Nation, La Loche

Values in Area: Highway 955, SaskPower Infrastructure

Impacts: Evacuation of Priority 1 and 2 individuals from La Loche and Clearwater River Dene Nation

An area of concern is the northwest corner of the fire. Crews are working to set up hose lines and helicopter bucketing will also occur in this area. Crews will also be working along with nod well on the east side of the fire. A water blader will be set up along Highway 955.

23BN-BNIR02 (In community of Turnor Lake)

Current Size: 55 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew Members, Type 2 Crews, Air Tanker Support
Communities<20km: Turnor Lake, Turnor Lake Indian Reserve 193B
Impacts: Evacuation of Priority 1 and 2 individuals from Turnor Lake

Dozer lines have been completed which will allow access to ground crews to work in these areas. Crews will be working the north side of the cat guard to the lake. Some rain was received overnight and this fire is now listed as contained.

23BN-VERMETTE (Southwest of Dillon)

Current Size: 76,410 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew Members, Type 2 Crews, Type 3 Crews, Heavy Equipment, Helicopter Support, Air Tanker Support
Communities<20km: Dillon, St. George's Hill, Michel Village
Values in Area: Highway 925
Impacts: Evacuation of Priority 1 and 2 individuals from Dillon, St. George's Hill, Michel Village

Dozer lines will be put in different spots around Michel Village. Ground crews will continue to work with water tenders west of Michel Village.

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

Current Size: 180,413.2 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 individuals from Patuanak and English River First Nation

Crews will continue working cat guard west of Highway 908 north of the lagoon. Crews will monitor and service value protection units. Air patrol is assessing the fire.

23LA-WISTIGO (Southeast of Pinehouse Lake)

Current Size: 65,882 ha.
Resources: Type 1 Crew members, Type 2 Crews, Type 3 Crews, Heavy Equipment, Helicopter Support, Air Tanker Support
Values in area: Highway 165, Highway 910, Besnard Correctional Camp, Besnard Lake Lodge, Commercial Timber.
Impacts: Besnard Correctional Camp evacuation

Crews will continue to work from the northwest corner down the west flank as new helicopter spots are being constructed. One crew will continue to service value protection units. Minimal rain has been received on this fire.

23LA-SHARP (North of La Ronge)

Current Size: 18,537 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.

Crews will continue west on the south flank and reassessing value protection unit locations.

23DB-KPIR02 (South of Deschambault Lake)

Current Size: 9,000 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 are working on extinguishing hotspots with hose lines and chainsaws on the north, northeast, south and southeast flanks. Crews will continue to work on the road and extinguish any hotspots. Good progress is being made on this fire.