

# Intelligence and Situational Awareness Unit

## Bulletin

**Event:** Provincial Forest & Prairie Fires of Note

**Location:** Saskatchewan

**Current as of:** June 2, 2023; 10:30 hrs.

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## INFORMATION

Currently there are 20 active fires:

- 6 Not Contained
- 2 Contained
- 3 Protecting Property
- 9 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)

**Report Date:** May 29, 2023

**Current Size:** 1,613.6 ha.

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

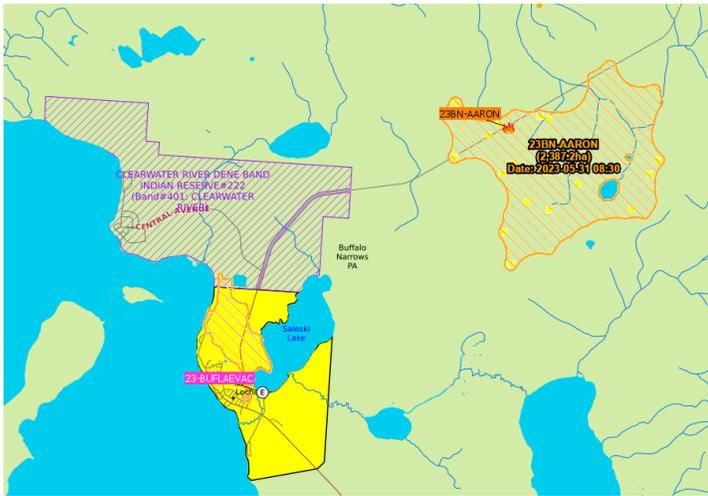
**Communities<20km:** Clearwater River Dene Nation, La Loche

**Values in Area:** Highway 955, SaskPower Infrastructure

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

**Weather:** North winds 10-20 km/h, gusting 30 km/h. Trace of precipitation in showers. Up to 20 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

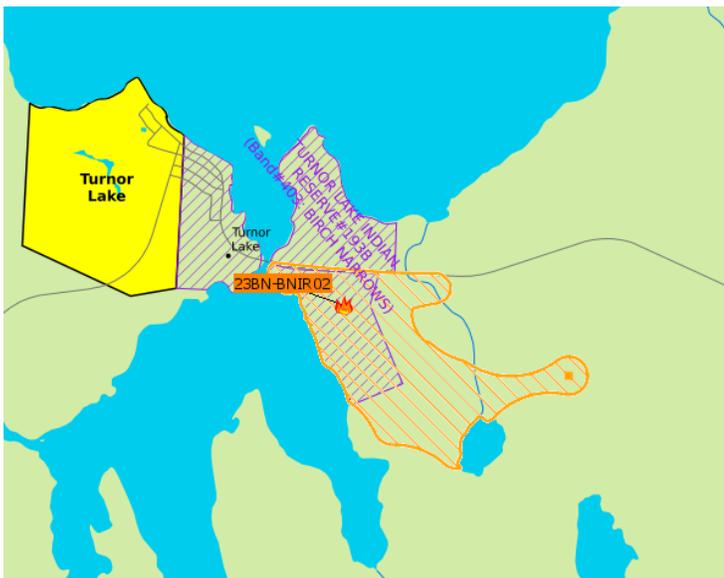
Good progress was made by the crews on June 1. Crews will concentrate in the northwest, north and northeast areas along with heavy equipment. The Aaron fire received 11.2 mm precipitation overnight.



### 23BN-BNIR02 (In community of Turnor Lake)

**Report Date:** May 29, 2023  
**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  
**Weather:** North winds 10-20 km/h, gusting 30 km/h. Trace of precipitation in showers. Up to 20 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

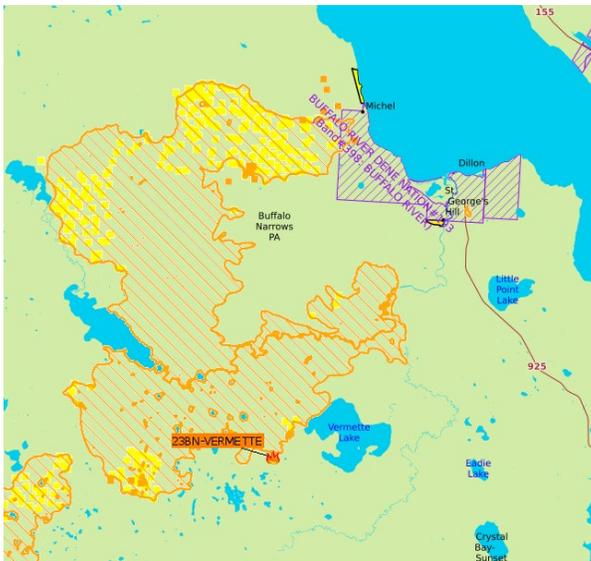
Crews will continue working the perimeter, starting to work in two hose lengths or further. Fire is looking good as crews secure the perimeter and start mop up. Helicopter support is available if bucket support is required.



## 23BN-VERMETTE (Southwest of Dillon)

**Report Date:** April 29, 2023  
**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  
**Weather:** Northwest winds. Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of scattered showers and a slight chance of thundershowers. Up to 20 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

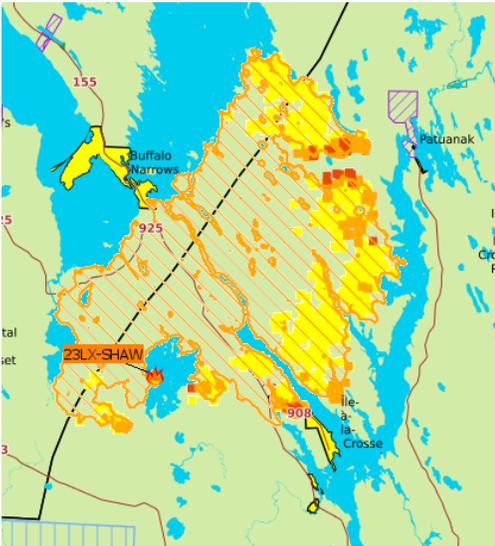
More dozer lines will be put in where the fire is closest to the road. The dozer line was completed to the northwest of Michel Village. Crews will continue to work with water tenders west of Michel Village. Helicopter support will be used to cut pads and construct new dozer line. Mop up will commence around Michel Village.



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

**Report Date:** May 4, 2023  
**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  
**Weather:** Northwest winds. Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of scattered showers and a slight chance of thundershowers. Up to 20 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

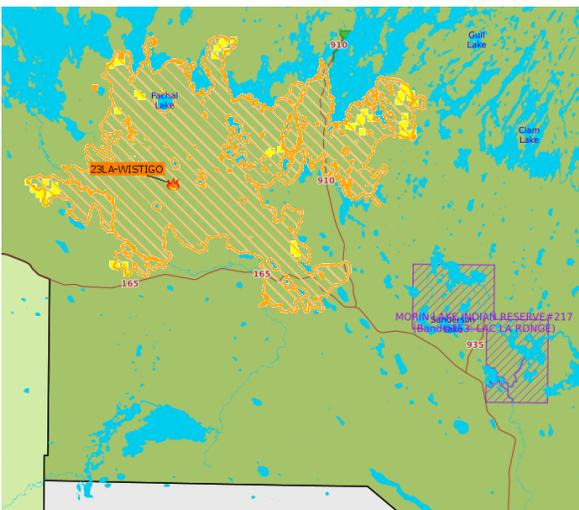
Crews will continue working on the fire guards utilizing buckets, nod wells and water tenders. Crews will continue the setup and servicing of value protection units. A new dozer guard will be established south of the Patuanak airfield tying into the muskeg. Crew will be going to assess the northeast flank where it jumped a river southeast of Glansberg Lake.



## 23LA-WISTIGO (Southeast of Pinehouse Lake)

- Report Date:** May 11, 2023
- Current Size:** 65,662 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
- Weather:** Southwest winds. Mostly to partly cloudy skies and a chance of afternoon showers or thundershowers. Up to 20 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

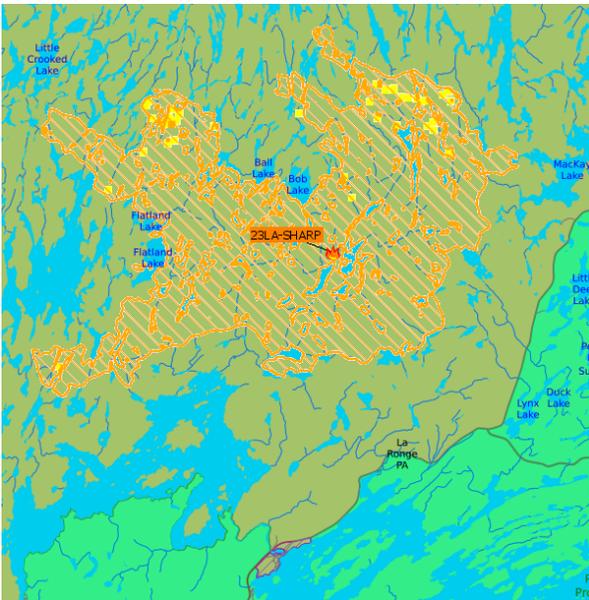
Operations will concentrate on the northeast and north sectors of the fire.



## 23LA-SHARP (North of La Ronge)

**Report Date:** May 19, 2023  
**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.  
**Weather:** South winds 10-20 km/h, gusting 30 km/h. 2-5 mm in showers. Up to 20 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

Crews will continue to work on the south side of the fire. Helicopter pads will be cut on the northeast and south side of the fire to move crews into the problem areas. Bucket support will be used as required. Fire received some rain but not significant amounts.



## 23DB-KPIR02 (South of Deschambault Lake)

**Report Date:** May 18, 2023  
**Current Size:** 9,213 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 open with community barricades, Deschambault Lake evacuation.  
**Weather:** East/southeast winds. A mix of sun and cloud with showers and thundershowers to the region. Up to 15 mm in thundershowers with winds gusting to 70 km/h.

Roadside work will be minimized to avoid conflict with anticipated traffic load.

Crews will continue to secure lines along the north and northeast ends. Crews will also focus on securing the southwest area to prevent any breach from occurring. With forecasted winds and potential for a good amount of rain in the next few days potential for any breaching is minimal. The status of this fire has changed to contained.

