

Dawson region wildfire update – last updated June 24, 2025

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This is an update from the local Emergency Control Group for Dawson City, including the City of Dawson, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, and Government of Yukon response agencies.

Wildfire Activity and Response

Evacuation Alerts remain in place for the following areas near Dawson:

- [West Dawson and Sunnydale](#), including all properties along the Top of the World Highway between kilometres 1 and 36
- [Dempster Highway Cutoff and Henderson Corner](#), including all properties along the North Klondike Highway between kilometres 693 and 672
- An Evacuation Alert means a threat is nearby and you should be ready to leave on short notice. It is not an Evacuation Order. Pack essentials, fuel your vehicle, and make a plan with your household.
- If you're heading out of cell service, download the [Alertable app](#). This app shows emergency alerts including evacuation alerts and orders. It works with an internet connection and doesn't require cell service.

The Dawson region is experiencing high fire activity. With multiple fires in the region, firefighting resources are stretched. With current resources, Wildland Fire is focusing efforts in the populated areas around the community, including West Dawson, Sunnydale and the Klondike Valley.

Keeping the highways open remains a priority, but expect closures on short notice due to fire activity. Check 511 for updates. Outside resources are already on site, and additional resources have been requested to support fire management efforts in the area.

A structure protection team from Alberta arrived today and they will be setting up a water supply line up to Upper West Dawson along the Top of the World Highway. Please be mindful of crews in the area and drive with caution.

More structural protection equipment will arrive in Dawson within the next few days and will be crossing on the ferry to West Dawson. This heavy equipment will help our crews to continue their structural protection work.

Quebec Creek fire (DA-012)

- Aircraft were able to estimate the perimeter of the Quebec Creek fire (DA-012) at 3229 hectares. The fire had minimal growth towards Upper West Dawson and remains around 10 kilometres away. The fire has not crossed the highway, or the Yukon River. Structural protection plan has been made for the Moosehide. As more resources arrive, WFM will look to implement.
- Heavy equipment has completed the cat guard above the Deadwood drainage and work in Sunnydale continues today. Structure protection, such as sprinklers, portable water sources and pumps, is in place for several properties and work continues today. This equipment is not being given out to the public, but installed by Wildland Fire personnel if necessary.

Mount Leotta fire (DA-016)

- A flight was able to estimate the perimeter of the Mount Leotta fire (DA-016) at approximately 6894 hectares. Today, crews will continue their work. Crews have been successful in keeping the fire south of the highway. Lots of structural protection has been made. Moving forward, we will continue this work as crews will assess the safety to get heavy equipment closer to the fire.
- Several values closest to the fire's growth have been protected with tactical burning and structure protection, such as sprinklers and tree cutting. Current objectives on the fire include maintaining power lines, preventing growth to the north side of the highway and assessing nearby values for structural protection.
- More structural protection will be put in place today. Plans for heavy equipment and dozer guard are currently being assessed.

Rabbit Creek fire (DA-007)

- A flight was able to confirm the perimeter of the Rabbit Creek fire and the fire is confirmed at approximately 9200 hectares. Today, aircraft and crews will be working onsite to assess values and work on structural protection.
- Goldfields: We are aware of fires in the goldfields. Roads are currently open. Miners should be in touch with the KPMA for any questions.

- For more information on wildfires, visit: www.yukon.ca/wildfires.

Highway Information

- Highway status can change fast due to wildfire activity. We aim to get vehicles through when it is safe. The latest status can be found at: <https://511yukon.ca/>
- Wildfires are most active in the afternoons and early evenings. Highways are most likely to be open, or have pilot vehicles running, late at night and early in the morning when wildfire activity is low.
- If 511 says “Piloted Vehicle Shuttles happening while conditions allow”, pilot vehicles are running. If 511 says “Piloted Vehicles suspended”, pilot vehicles are suspended. If 511 says “Closed” with no pilot vehicles mentioned, the highway is closed.

Smoke and Clean Air

Dawson is smoky right now. Wildfire smoke can affect your health.

To reduce your exposure, seek cleaner air indoors. If that is not possible, well-fitted respirators offer some protection. Respirators are marked with letter and number combinations, such as N95, KN95 and KF94.

- TH Hall is open 9 am – 7 pm this week as a clean air shelter and hub for community members looking for information, masks, or clean air. Learn more online at [Find out about wildfire smoke | Yukon.ca](#)
- If you have health concerns about smoke, call 8-1-1 to speak to a Registered Nurse, or contact your healthcare provider.
- If you have any of these symptoms, seek medical attention at the Dawson Hospital: shortness of breath, severe cough, dizziness, chest pain, or palpitations.

Visitor Information and Ferries

Visitors in Dawson should connect with the Dawson Visitor Information Centre at the corner of Front and King Streets (1-867-993-5566).

Travellers on the Dempster Highway should check with the Tombstone Interpretive Centre at kilometre 71.5.

Be prepared for delays on the highways. Travel with a [72-hour kit](#).

RVs in Dawson should remain on the Dawson side of the river if the Top of the World highway is closed. This helps reduce pressure on the George Black Ferry.

We are asking locals using the ferry to consider walking across or using a private boat to help limit strain on the ferry.

Fuel and Power

The power line from Stewart North to Dawson and the Dempster Corner is deenergized due to the DA-016 wildfire. Dawson is running on diesel backup, and some houses along the North Klondike are without power.

The Dawson airport is operational but smoke is limiting visibility. Check with your carrier for details.

Emergency Preparedness and Information

Dawson residents are not under an Evacuation Alert. It's always a good idea to make an emergency plan with your household and to get a [72-hour emergency kit](#) ready. Find a kit list and more information at www.PreparedYukon.ca.

This group will release information daily, or more often when possible. The next update will be provided by 3pm on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Updates will be shared on [City of Dawson](#) and [Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in](#) websites, as well as <https://yukon.ca/emergencies> and daily at 1pm on CFYT 106.9 FM in Dawson City.