

Dawson region wildfire update – last updated June 25, 2025

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This is an update from the Dawson Emergency Control Group including City of Dawson, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Government of Yukon response agencies (including Wildland Fire Management and the Emergency Coordination Centre).

Evacuation Alerts

- [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.
- Over the next few days, officials will be visiting homes in West Dawson, Sunnydale and Henderson Corner to support wildfire preparedness. This is a brief, non-intrusive survey to help emergency teams understand local needs and improve communication.
- If you're heading out of cell service, download the [Alertable app](#) to receive evacuation alerts and orders. It works with an internet connection and does not require cell service.

Wildfire activity and response

This update was provided by Wildland Fire Management.

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, Moosehide, the Klondike Valley and values along the Dempster Highway. Keeping the highways open remains a priority, but due to fire activity, expect closures on short notice. Check [511 Yukon](#) for updates.

Outside resources are already on site, and additional resources have been requested to support fire management efforts in the area.

The structure protection team from Alberta has finished completing their water supply line to Upper West Dawson along the Top of the World Highway. They'll be testing it within the next few days. Drive with caution and be mindful of crews in the area.

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 continue their structural protection work.

In total, there are 29 active wildfires in the Klondike, 9 of which are under control or being held. With yesterday's precipitation, fires showed minimal activity, allowing crews to get closer to the fires.

Quebec Creek fire (DA-012)

- Aircraft were able to track the perimeter of the Quebec Creek fire (DA-012); the confirmed size is 3,709 hectares. The fire had minimal growth towards Upper West Dawson and remains approximately 9 kilometres away. The fire has not crossed the highway and is still 600 metres away from the Yukon River. A structural protection plan has been made for Moosehide. As more resources arrive, Wildland Fire Management will look to implement the plan.
- Heavy equipment has completed the cat guard above the Deadwood drainage. Work in the Upper West Dawson and Sunnydale continues today. Structure protection, such as sprinklers, portable water sources and pumps, are 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.
- Today, the crews will create access to allow more resources to maintain the fire. The goal is to prevent further growth on the fire's southern flank.

Mount Leotta fire (DA-016)

- A flight was able to track the perimeter of the Mount Leotta fire (DA-016), which has a confirmed size of 7,161 hectares. The fire has reached the highway between kilometre 667 to 675 but has not crossed it. 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 along the Klondike Highway. Moving forward, crews will continue building a contingency line along the power line from the Hunker Creek Road to the Klondike Highway.
- 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 northwest side of the highway and getting heavy equipment and crews closer to the fire.

- More structural protection will be implemented today on values further from the fire. Sprinklers will also be set up on the Land of Plenty.

Rabbit Creek fire (DA-007)

- A flight confirmed the perimeter of the Rabbit Creek fire, which is at 12,148 hectares. The fire is still 4 kilometres away from the Klondike Highway. Structural protection has been completed in the Benson Creek area and the Dempster Corner. Today, crews will continue the structural protection on farms north of the Klondike River.
- Goldfields: We're aware of fires in the goldfields. Roads are currently open. Miners should contact the KPMA with any questions.

[Find more information on wildfires.](#)

Highway information

Highway status can change fast due to wildfire activity. We aim to get vehicles through when it's safe. The latest status can be found on [511 Yukon](#).

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.

- [Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall](#) is open 9 am to 7 pm this week as a clean air shelter and hub for community members looking for information, masks or clean air. [Learn more about wildfire smoke.](#)

- If you have health concerns about smoke, call 811 to speak to a Registered Nurse or contact your healthcare provider.
- If you have shortness of breath, severe cough, dizziness, chest pain or palpitations, seek medical attention at the Dawson Hospital.

Visitor information

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

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

Yukon Parks closed the Yukon River Campground as of June 25 to support Wildland Fire Management operations. [Find the status of campsite closures.](#)

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

Critical infrastructure

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.](#)

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens can call the hotline at 867-993-3125 for information or assistance.

Information will be released daily, or more often when possible. The next update will be provided by 1 pm on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

Updates will be shared:

- online on [Yukon.ca](#);
- online on the [City of Dawson](#) website;
- online on the [Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in](#) website; and

- daily at 1 pm on CFYT 106.9 FM in Dawson.