

Dawson region wildfire update – last updated June 26, 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 as soon as possible. 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](#) to receive evacuation alerts and orders. It works with an internet connection and doesn't require cell service.
- Representatives are visiting homes in West Dawson, Sunnydale, and Henderson Corner to support wildfire preparedness. If you live in an area under Evacuation Alert and received a Pre-Registration Survey, please return it to City Hall (1336 Front Street) between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. If you didn't receive one, you can pick one up there.

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 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 completed their water supply line to Upper West Dawson along the Top of the World Highway. They will be testing it today. 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 continue their structural protection work. More resources will also be coming within the next few days.

In total, there are 28 active wildfires in the Dawson region. Ten of which are under control or being held. With recent weather, fires showed minimal activity, allowing crews to get closer to the fires.

Quebec Creek fire (DA-012)

- Due to weather the fire did not grow, the confirmed size is still 3709 hectares. The fire remains about nine kilometres away from Upper West Dawson. 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.
- Heavy equipment has completed the cat guard above the Deadwood drainage. Dozer guards in the Upper West Dawson and Sunnydale are completed as well. 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.
- Crews are now established on southern flank and will continue to prevent further growth on the fire's southern flank.

Mount Leotta fire (DA-016)

- Due to weather the fire did not grow yesterday, the size is still 7161 hectares. The fire has reached the highway between km 667 to 675 but has not crossed it. Crews have been successful in keeping the fire south of the highway, and extinguishing hotspots along the fire perimeter. The fire is 7,5 kilometres away from the Henderson corner.
- Lots of structural protection has been made along the Klondike Highway. Today, 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.

- Structural protection is now completed on the Land of Plenty.

Rabbit Creek fire (DA-007)

- Due to weather, the fire did not grow, the size is still 12,148 hectares. The fire is still four kilometres away from the Klondike Highway, and seven kilometres away from the Henderson Corner. Structural protection has been completed in the Benson Creek area and the Dempster Corner. Today, crews will finish the structural protection on farms north of the Klondike River.
- Goldfields: We are aware of fires in the goldfields. Roads are currently open. Miners should contact the KPMA with 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

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.

- Äłät Nēhējēl (TH Hall) is open 9 am – 5 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 wildfires 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

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.

Yukon Parks closed the Yukon River Campground as of June 25 to support Wildland Fire Management operations. To find status of campsite closures, go to <https://yukon.ca/en/outdoor-recreation-and-wildlife/camping/find-status-yukon-campgrounds-and-recreation-sites>

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 Friday, June 27, 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.