

# Dawson region wildfire update – last updated June 28, 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. For more information on how to download Alertable: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
- 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 one of the drop boxes (at the information posts) or the City Hall (1336 Front Street). 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; however, due to fire activity, closures may occur on short notice. Check [511](#) for updates.

Resources from outside of the territory 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 tested parts of their water supply line to Upper West Dawson along the Top of the World Highway yesterday. More testing will continue over the next few days.

In total, there are 28 active wildfires in the Dawson region. Ten of which are under control or being held. Fire activity is increasing due to dry weather.

#### **Quebec Creek fire (DA-012)**

- 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 finished as well. Structure protection, such as sprinklers, portable water sources, and pumps, is in place for several properties, and the work has been completed.
- Crews are now established on southern flank and will continue to prevent further growth on the fire's southern flank. Several hotspots were extinguished, and crews will continue their work.

#### **Mount Leotta fire (DA-016)**

- The size remains at 7,161 hectares. The fire has reached the highway between kilometres 667 and 675 but has not crossed it. The fire is 7,5 kilometres away from the Henderson Corner. Crews have been successful in keeping the fire south of the highway and extinguishing hotspots along the fire perimeter. Crews extinguished hotspots on the eastern and western sides of the fire. Work will continue today.
- 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 on the northwest side of the

highway, and bringing heavy equipment and crews closer to the fire. Yesterday, several hotspots were extinguished. Crews will continue today.

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

### **Rabbit Creek fire (DA-007)**

- The fire did not grow; its size remains 12,148 hectares. The fire is still four kilometres away from the Klondike Highway and seven kilometres away from Henderson Corner. Structural protection has been completed in the Benson Creek area, the Dempster Corner, and the farms North of the Klondike River. Yesterday, two heavy helicopters worked on bucketing along the Dempster Highway. Today crews will be working on extinguishing hotspots with air support.
- Goldfields: We are aware of fires in the goldfields. Roads are currently open. Miners should contact the KPMA with any questions or concerns.
- DA-007 is 7,5 kilometres from the Mount Leotta fire (DA-016).

For more information on wildfires, visit: [www.yukon.ca/wildfires](http://www.yukon.ca/wildfires).

### **Visitor Information**

Visitors are welcome in Dawson City. Tourism services, including hotels, restaurants, and attractions, are open and operating as usual. Travellers are encouraged to check in with the Dawson City Visitor Information Centre (Front and King Streets) for up-to-date tourism information, including accommodations and campground options. Call 1-867-993-5566 to reach them directly. Open daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

### **Critical Infrastructure**

The transmission line from Stewart North to Dawson remains de-energized due to the DA-016 wildfire. Dawson is running on diesel backup. However, the distribution line has been fully re-energized and customers along the North Klondike that previously did not have power have been restored.

### **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 Sunday, June 29, 2025.

Updates will be shared on:

- online on [Yukon.ca](https://www.yukon.ca);
- online on the [City of Dawson](https://www.cityofdawson.ca) website;
- online on the [Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in](https://www.tr'ondëk.hwëch'in.ca) website;
- daily at 1 pm on CFYT 106.9 FM in Dawson; and
- on repeat on 105.5fm close to the Henderson Corner.