

Imported initial attack crews and aircraft assist Yukon fire response

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Eight initial-attack crews and a large airtanker have arrived in the Yukon from BC Wildfire to assist in wildfire response.

Resources will be stationed throughout the Yukon according to needs identified by Wildland Fire Management staff.

The Yukon government declared a preparedness level 4 on June 19 due to developing wildfire situation and requested help from the Northwest Compact. Since June 16, over 40 new lightning-caused fires have been identified.

Most Government of Yukon exported personnel have returned to the territory as scheduled. Three officers are currently on their way back now. The 20-person Yukon First Nation Wildfire sustained-action unit crew are also on their way home.

Additional resources are helpful as fire activity in the north and central part of the territory has increased. Looking ahead, this will help us manage new fires and relieve crews who will eventually need days off for mandatory rest periods.

The Yukon can request assistance from outside agencies through the Northwest Compact, a resource-sharing agreement which includes five U.S. states and five provinces or the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre.