

Lightning-caused fire closes Top of the World Highway in Dawson region

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Update June 19, 9:30 pm: Another lightning-caused wildfire is burning approximately 28 kilometres east of Dawson.

The Mount Leotta fire (DA-016) was identified on June 19 around 4 pm. The fire is in the full response zone and is currently out of control. It is about 150 hectares and burning three km away from the Klondike Highway. Smoke is highly visible; however, the road remains open at this time.

In total, there are 19 active wildfires in the Dawson area. Eleven of them are currently out of control, while successful initial-attack has the remaining fires under control or being held.

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A lightning-caused wildfire is burning approximately 20 kilometres northwest of Dawson.

The fire is active approximately five kilometres north of the Top of the World Highway. The highway is closed due to fire risk and smoke.

The Quebec Creek fire (DA-012) was identified June 19 around 2 pm. The fire is in the full zone and is currently out of control. The fire is visible from Dawson but is not a risk to the community at this time. Direct action or airtankers is not an option due to intense fire activity. Fire staff are currently assessing the size of the fire and response options.

In total, there are 16 active wildfires in the Dawson area. Half are currently out of control, while successful initial-attack has the remaining fires under control or being held.

Lightning has caused all the fires over the past 48 hours.

Two fires south of the Top of the World Highway, the Swede Creek fire (DA-003) and the Discovery Pup fire (DA-011), are now being held or under control.

A cluster of fires (DA-001, DA-004, DA-005, DA-006, DA007, DA-008, DA-009 and DA-010) is located northeast of Dawson and is not currently threatening people or property. More lightning-caused fires are anticipated this evening.

We will continue to provide updates. Further updates will be on the [Wildfire Hub](#).

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