

Firefighting response update for Lacelle Lake fire (HJ-007)

August 15, 2025



Wildland Fire Management is working on a planned ignition for the Lacelle Lake fire (HJ-007), located north of the campground on the Aishihik Road. This operation aims to contain the fire's southern edge and reduce the risk of spread this fall from warm conditions and seasonal wind changes.

The ignition part of the operation is planned to take place over the next three days, with additional days scheduled for mop-up and demobilization. Wildland personnel will be camping and working in the area.

Road closures are anticipated Friday, August 15 on the Aishihik Road and will be posted on 511yukon.ca.

Wildland Fire is also in touch directly with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

Without completing this work, this out of control fire will continue to be a challenge until winter. The use of planned ignition, also called backfiring, is a routine firefighting technique that involves igniting a fire along a pre-determined line to burn away dry fuels between the backburn and the main wildfire. This creates a buffer zone where the existing fire cannot spread, effectively halting its progress. Firefighters working on the backburn monitor conditions and use water and fuel management techniques to prevent the unintentional spread across the control line.

Eight wildland fire crews, two helicopters and three officers will be assigned to the operation.

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