

Yukon Government extending season for wildland firefighting crews

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Due to unseasonably warm temperatures and anticipated strong winds across the territory, the Government of Yukon is extending the season for wildland firefighting crews. This aims to ensure a rapid response and improved safety.

Additionally, two helicopters will remain on standby, ready to assist with aerial firefighting efforts as long as conditions remain hot and dry.

Over the past few weeks, four newly reported wildfires have been confirmed to be human-caused. Smoke may be visible on the interior of existing fires. Even as the colours change, fuels in the forest remain dry.

Yukoners are asked to exercise caution when using campfires and engaging in outdoor burning. Small sparks or unattended fires can quickly escalate under these dry, windy conditions.

Please remember to practice safe campfire habits:

- Never leave your fire unattended
- Always fully extinguish your fire before leaving
- Use the “soak, stir, and repeat” method until the ashes are cool to the touch

If you see smoke or unattended fires, please report it by calling the reporting line at 1-888-798-FIRE (3473). Early reporting can prevent small incidents from becoming large-scale wildfires.