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### Evacuation notice lifted for the Watson Lake area

WHITEHORSE – Yukon Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) has today lifted the evacuation notice for the Watson Lake area that has been in effect since August 4.

"The cooler weather and precipitation in the forecast for this week in the Watson Lake area means that the fire is no longer expected to pose a direct threat to our Yukon communities," Yukon's EMO director Michael Templeton said.

"As of today we have lifted the evacuation notice for the area," Templeton said, "but I do want to remind everyone that it is always important to be prepared for any emergency situation. Make a home emergency plan, get an emergency kit together and be prepared to be on your own for up to 72 hours."

Over the past weeks Yukon's Protective Services team worked to update local emergency and evacuation plans, set up sprinklers on private properties for structural protection and provided fire information to the public in key locations around the communities.

"Thanks to the coordinated suppression efforts by Yukon and British Columbia firefighters the fire's growth to the north has been minimal," Yukon fire information officer George Maratos said. "With the temperatures dropping and precipitation in the forecast the fire behaviour will be limited and the threat will go down significantly."

EMO would like to extend its appreciation to the Liard First Nation chief and council, the community of Upper Liard, the Town of Watson Lake, the BC Wildland Fire Management, Yukon Wildland Fire Management, Yukon Fire Marshal's Office, Junction 37/Nugget City, the emergency services workers of the communities, the Watson Lake Health Centre and the many community members who have worked to help coordinate efforts to keep our communities safe.

Visit [www.community.gov.yk.ca](http://www.community.gov.yk.ca) for up-to-date wildland fire information in Yukon.

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