

# Situation stable in Ibex Valley as crews expand defences

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Today cloudy conditions are expected to bring slightly lower temperatures and a chance of scattered showers. While this will have a limited impact extinguishing the fire, it will reduce fire behaviour and responders will be able to focus on expanding defences around the fire's edge.

The Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) was remapped to 1,402 hectares in size yesterday. It is an out-of-control fire receiving a full response. The incident has grown substantially and now includes the following resources:

- 28x firefighters, including a 14-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 1x volunteer fire SHOT crew
- 6x pieces of heavy equipment
- 2x ignition specialists
- 5x helicopters

Yesterday the incident provided an update on the fire at an Ibex Valley Local Area Council meeting. The fire grew eastwards under subdued conditions caused by local smoke. A second guard has been developed along the eastern flank of the fire where crews will remove fuel between the new, eastern guard and the fire. Other crews will continue to remove forest fuels to a 25-foot depth from the guard on the fire's northern edge, which has continued to hold. The volunteer fire SHOT crew will continue assessing properties in the evacuation alert area.

Planning is also underway to build a dozer guard along the base of the Ibex Ridge to help contain the fire's southeastern head.

[Parts of the Ibex Valley are still under evacuation alert](#). The Alaska Highway remains open for public use. If you are travelling in the area, avoid stopping on the highway or any side roads near the fire so that firefighters can safely travel through the area. Visit <https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca> to see the locations, size and control status of all Yukon wildfires.

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