Containment work continues as hot weather returns to Takhini Bridge fire

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Today crews continued to work the perimeter of the Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) utilizing completed dozer guard.

In addition to providing a defensible space to work the fire, guard also allows for the transportation of crews around the fire as they lay hose, extinguish hotspots and remove patches of unburnt fuels within the contained area that create potential for fire spread.

Spot fires (created by airborne embers) are a concern now that hot and dry weather has resumed. Today, helicopters were used to bucket and successfully extinguish a spot fire on the eastern edge. Bucketing will continue inside the fire perimeter as dry weather produces more smoke.

The fire remains out of control and is receiving a full response. The latest fire size estimate is 1546 hectares.

Today, resources on the fire included:

- 32x firefighters, including a 14-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 3x wildland fire officers
- 4x pieces of heavy equipment
- 4x helicopters

Parts of the Ibex Valley are still <u>under evacuation alert.</u>

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[Photos: Map of the new perimeter of Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019).]



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