Takhini Bridge fire status changes to "being held"

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The Takhini Bridge fire has been changed from "out of control" to "being held." This means given the current resources and conditions, we are confident it will remain inside the control lines. There is still work to be done before it is considered under control.

Today, a 20-person crew of wildland firefighters arrived from Nova Scotia's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. These reinforcements will work on the Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) for their 14-day shift.

While here, they'll be camping and having meals at the incident command post located at Hidden Valley Elementary School.

The fire size estimate remains 1546 hectares.

Today, resources on the fire included:

- 34x firefighters, including a 14-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 4x pieces of heavy equipment
- 2x helicopters

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

Going forward, there will be one evening update on the fire unless conditions change.

[Photo: Firefighters from Nova Scotia have arrived in the Yukon to help on XY-019. Different jurisdictions in Canada help each other through CIFFC, the Canadian Inter-Agency Forest Fire Centre.]



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