## More resources arriving soon to help on Takhini Bridge fire

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

Crews will continue to work the perimeter by ending existing hose layings, extinguishing hotspots and removing patches of unburnt fuels within the contained area that create potential for fire spread. The weather forecast calls for hot and dry weather which will increase fire behaviour and smoke.

Tomorrow, a 20-person firefighting crew will arrive from Nova Scotia. While good progress has been made on containing the fire, these imported resources will allow more ground to be covered and give fatigued crews time off.

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:

- 35x firefighters, including a 14-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 7x pieces of heavy equipment
- 2x helicopters

An incident command post has been set up at Hidden Valley Elementary School to oversee the fire response. Crews will be beginning their day at the school starting tomorrow morning.

Parts of the Ibex Valley are still under evacuation alert.

Visit <a href="https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca">https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca</a> to see the locations, size and control status of all Yukon wildfires.

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