

Public asked to use caution ahead of extreme fire danger this weekend

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Wildland Fire Management is reminding Yukoners that extreme fire danger this weekend requires extra caution when using fire. There are 13 active fires burning across Yukon with hot and dry weather in the forecast. With a chance of lightning strikes this weekend, creating a risk of new wildfires, it's everyone's responsibility to avoid preventable fires caused by careless fire use.

Up-to-date fire danger ratings are available [online](#). The Watson Lake Fire Management District remains under a level 2 fire restriction, meaning that cooking and warming fires are only allowed in the provided fire pits and stoves at road-accessible campgrounds. The fire restriction applies to:

- the Town of Watson Lake, Upper Liard and Rancheria;
- the Alaska Highway from the B.C. border to 23 kilometres west of Rancheria;
- the Robert Campbell Highway from Watson Lake to 20 kilometres east of Finlayson Lake; and
- the Logan Mountains and the Liard Plateau.

As always, be careful when using fire:

- A wildfire can start and spread quickly at any fire danger rating.
- Avoid building a campfire in windy conditions and do not build it larger than needed.
- Always keep an eye on your fire and have a bucket of water nearby.
- Ensure all fires are completely out before leaving them: soak with water, stir with a stick, and repeat until the ashes are cold to the touch.

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