



Wildfire bulletin #3

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### **Wildland fire reinforcements requested to bolster Bear Creek fire response**

As the Bear Creek wildfire north of Haines Junction continues to spread, contract and out-of-territory wildland firefighters and air tankers have been requested to support Wildland Fire Management's efforts to protect the community. Crews have made good progress establishing control on areas of the fire, and it is now safe to bring on additional crew persons to continue building the perimeter of the fire.

Crews from Yukon First Nations Wildfire, as well as crews from provincial wildland fire agencies across Canada, are expected to arrive in the community later this week. Additional aircraft include two CL-415 air tankers, which will provide air support to crews on the ground.

"We are confident in the weather forecast's prediction of winds from the south over the next few days," said incident commander Caleb Tomlinson. "Despite the fire's spread away from Haines Junction, we have called in extra help in order to ensure that we can contain the fire as quickly as possible."

The Bear Creek wildfire, which was reported on Saturday evening, has spread north and away from Haines Junction due to prevailing winds from the Alsek Valley from the south. These extra resources will support Wildland Fire Management's efforts to shore up the edges of the fire that are closest to the village.

For current fire updates, follow Yukon Protective Services on Facebook and Twitter, or visit <https://www.yukon.ca/emergencies>.

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