

Yukon sends additional wildfire personnel to Alberta and NWT

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The Government of Yukon is sending additional wildland fire staff to Alberta and the Northwest Territories to help manage ongoing wildfire incidents.

Yesterday, a 21-person Wildland Fire Management unit crew and an agency representative are driving to Grande Prairie, Alberta to take part in wildfire operations. An ignition specialist and an ignition specialist trainee have also been deployed to Samba K'e, Northwest Territories to provide technical support to a wildfire response.

The Government of Yukon maintains a high level of readiness at home while helping other regions facing wildfires. Yukon crews can be recalled within 24 hours if the need arises.

These firefighting resources are provided through the Canadian Inter-agency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC) Mutual Aid Resource Sharing Agreement, which along with the Northwest Compact allow the Yukon to provide and ask to borrow resources like firefighters and equipment. Last year, Alberta exported a team of dispatchers through CIFFC to support Wildland Fire Management's unprecedented wildfire response while the Northwest Territories have provided several single resources in recent years. Later in the summer, the Yukon provided a safety officer to Washington through the Northwest Compact.

[Yukon's initial 21-person deployment to Alberta](#) returned home on May 25. An additional 19-person unit crew hired from Yukon First Nation Wildfire and a government agency representative are currently in Alberta. With this current round of exports, 65 Yukon staff have been sent to support other provinces and territories in 2023.

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