

Emergency evacuation of Ethel Lake campground

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An immediate emergency evacuation is currently taking place at Ethel Lake campground and the surrounding area due to a wildfire. The 6-hectare Ethel Lake fire (MA-032) is east of the campground and is a risk to people and structures nearby. Wildland Fire crews are currently on-site and working with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Yukon, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources staff and volunteer firefighters to notify people and coordinate the evacuation.

Campers will be leaving via the Klondike Highway, which remains open despite a second wildfire (MA-021) burning 15 kilometres south of Stewart Crossing. Please avoid the Ethel Lake area.

Any persons that are placed on immediate tactical evacuation order should register with Emergency Support Services (ESS) at the earliest opportunity by calling 867-332-7367.

Registration with ESS allow responders to track evacuees and evacuees may be eligible for supports such as temporary lodging, food, and incidental expenses. Evacuees that seek lodging with family/friends are eligible for financial supports through ESS.

Yukon residents should avoid the Ethel Lake area and use caution when travelling nearby on the Klondike Highway.

Updates will be posted to Yukon.ca and Yukon Protective Services social media accounts.

Visit [Yukon.ca/firemap](https://www.yukon.ca/firemap) to see the locations, size and control status of all Yukon wildfires.

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