



Wildfire bulletin #5

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Fire ban revoked for all affected Yukon communities

Due to sustained rainfall and favourable forecasted weather conditions, the Government of Yukon has cancelled a fire ban that was put in place last week for the Fire Management Areas of Whitehorse, Teslin, Haines Junction, Ross River, and Watson Lake. There are no longer any areas of Yukon under a fire ban.

“Last week’s fire ban was enacted to limit the risk of human-caused fires during a period of extremely hot and dry conditions and high operational wildfire requirements,” said Wildland Fire Management Director Damien Burns, whose wildland firefighters are currently suppressing or monitoring eight active wildfires across Yukon. “We appreciate Yukoners’ respect for the fire ban as we work to ensure the safety of our communities during this early start to the fire season.”

Despite the lifting of the fire ban, Yukoners are reminded that a burn permit is required from April 1 to September 30 in all areas of Yukon. You must also check with the local municipal authority for additional restrictions on burning within the municipality. All burn permits are automatically suspended when the local fire danger rating is moderate, high, or extreme.

“We are all responsible for ensuring that we use fire safely,” added Fire Information Officer Mike Fancie. “Ultimately, smart fire practices are one of the best ways to lower the risk of wildfires near our communities.”

For current fire updates, as well as the fire danger ratings for Yukon, visit www.yukon.ca/emergencies.

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