

Wildland Fire responding to Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019)

July 8, 2023

Yukon Wildland Fire Management, Whitehorse Fire Department and the Hootalinqua and Ibex Valley Volunteer Fire Departments are responding to a new fire located in the Ibex Valley.

The fire is adjacent to the Alaska Highway and located approximately 2 kilometres south of the Takhini Bridge. It is currently estimated at 10 hectares in size. The fire is within 1 kilometre of values but as of 6 p.m. it is currently burning away from the highway and residences.

One helicopter and both airtankers have been dispatched to this fire to support firefighters on the ground. More resources are en route. Firefighters have begun going door-to-door to notify nearby residents and will begin deploying structure protection equipment where needed as soon as possible.

The highway is not currently affected by the fire, but the public is asked to watch for emergency vehicles and not block highway access. Flying drones is illegal within 9.3 kilometres (5 nautical miles) of active wildfires.

Yukon Protective Services will continue to provide updates.

Visit wildfires.service.yukon.ca to see the locations, size and control status of all Yukon wildfires.

Photo: Image of XY-019 taken from the air on July 8, 2023. The fire is currently moving away from the highway and residences.



Takhini Bridge fire showing smoke and flame on July 8.

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