

Nahanni Road closed due to fire

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The Nahanni Road, north of Watson Lake, has been closed due to a large fire burning at kilometre 76 to 78.

The Caesar Lake fire (WL-012) is currently 160-hectares and continuing to grow. A crew and helicopter are currently on-site to respond to the fire and contact recreationists who may be in the area.

People south of kilometre 74 should exit the area and go south to Watson Lake. The Robert Campbell Highway remains closed due to a different fire at Frances Lake (WL-008) that has closed the road north of the Nahanni junction.

Wildland Fire is in communication with the Northern Tungsten mine, which is located far from the fire up Nahanni Road and is not threatened.

Despite fires of concern, both the Alaska Highway and the Klondike Highway remain open. Wildland Fire is monitoring the progress of the Rancheria Mountain fire (WL-011), located 65 kilometres west of Watson Lake, and the Crystal Creek fire (MA-021) 15 kilometres south of Stewart Crossing.

Both are close to roads and may be producing considerable smoke. Please drive with caution and follow updates. The 511 Yukon map has been updated: <https://511yukon.ca/>

More fire updates will be posted to Yukon.ca and Yukon Protective Services social media accounts.

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

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