



Wildfire bulletin #8

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Wildfire crews work through long weekend as hot and dry weather leads to extreme fire behaviour and widespread wildfire smoke

The majority of Yukon's fire activity over the long weekend took place in central Yukon. Five new fires kept Wildland Fire Management crews busy as they ramped up work on the Hunker Summit and Pigue Creek fires.

Wildfire smoke from Alaska and the Klondike is likely to remain present in central and southern Yukon. Several roads in the Klondike Goldfields continue to be closed due to the Hunker Summit fire.

At Hunker Summit, which is 3,000 hectares large and burning 27 km southeast of Dawson, 10 initial-attack crews with helicopter and heavy equipment support are working to protect values, put out spot fires along the southern fire guard, and suppress the fire where possible.

The Pigue Creek fire has grown to 44,000 hectares and is burning along Stewart River and Icechest Mountain. 4 initial-attack crews with helicopter support and an 18-person unit crew are providing structure protection.

3 initial-attack crews from British Columbia and a unit crew from Yukon First Nations Wildfire are supporting Wildland Fire Management's response to these fires.

For current fire updates, follow Yukon Protective Services on Facebook and Twitter, or visit <https://www.yukon.ca/wildfires>. Follow 511 Yukon at www.511yukon.ca for the status of Yukon roads, and visit www.firesmoke.ca to see a wildfire smoke forecast.

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