

Wildland Fire responding to Takhini Bridge fire

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This is a morning update on the Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019), located in the Ibx Valley.

Minimal growth was seen on the fire past midnight. Personnel worked on the fire throughout the night. Heavy equipment was used to build approximately 1.5 km of wide dozer guard, which was reinforced with a black line built by ground crews.

Today, crews will continue to prioritize securing the flank of the fire that runs parallel to the highway and discouraging fire growth towards residences. A 17-person unit crew and three wildfire officers will join two 3-person initial attack crews on the ground. The Fire Marshal Office SHOT team will continue precautionary structure protection work on nearby homes.

Ground resources will be supported by multiple helicopters and an airtanker group.

Aerial assessment of the fire is currently taking place to get a perimeter and hectare size update. The most recent size of the fire was an estimated 73 hectares.

The status of the fire remains “out of control” but the current forecast is calling for lighter winds today, which should help resources to hold the fire guard. Peak burning periods begin mid-afternoon and continue until late evening. During this period, fire activity will increase and smoke will be visible.

The Alaska Highway remains open for travel, but Wildland Fire is asking members of the public to allow crews to work effectively and avoid stopping on the highway adjacent to the fire.

An Evacuation Alert remains in place for the Ibx Valley east of the Takhini River Bridge. Read the full text of the alert here: [Evacuation Alert - Ibx Valley area east of Takhini Bridge | Government of Yukon](#)

Yesterday, the Reverse Creek fire (MA-005) exhibited little fire growth. The Illusion Creek fire (XY-018) grew east but remains approximately 20 kilometres south from the Robert Campbell Highway. Further updates will be provided on these fires later today.

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