

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

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The latest fire size estimate for the Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) is 270 ha, but an updated perimeter is expected later today.

On the ground, crews will continue to prioritize securing the flank of the fire that runs parallel to the highway and discouraging fire growth towards residences. Resources working the fire this morning include five 3-person initial attack crews, a 17-person Yukon First Nation Wildfire unit crew, four wildfire officers and a SHOT structure protection team.

Ground resources will be supported by three helicopters and airtanker groups.

The status of the fire remains “out of control.” The forecast today is calling for westerly winds at 15 km/h. This will likely increase fire behaviour, but the work completed on reinforcing guard will help to prevent growth toward the highway or residences. 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.

Parts of the Ibex valley are under evacuation alert. This alert status has not changed. Read the full text of the alert here: [Evacuation Alert - Ibex Valley area east of Takhini Bridge | Government of Yukon](#)

Further updates will be provided on the Reverse Creek fire (MA-005) and Illusion Creek fire (XY-018) later today. These fires are not immediately threatening homes or highway.

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