

Rainfall subdues fire behaviour on Takhini Bridge fire

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Today the Takhini Bridge fire (XY-019) received approximately 3 mm of rain. While rain will reduce fire intensity, it won't extinguish a fire. The forecast calls for hot and dry weather to resume, which will quickly dry out forest fuels and could mean a return to challenging fire conditions.

Reduced intensity today allowed for additional work to be completed on guards around the fire's edge, including hand ignition to remove forest fuels between the dozer guard and the fire. The north guard is fully completed along Ibex ridge and there is now dozer guard on 75 per cent of the fire.

The latest fire size remains at 1402 hectares, with no new growth today. It remains out-of-control and continues to receive a full response. The incident includes the following resources:

- 28x firefighters, including a 14-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 1x volunteer fire SHOT crew
- 6x pieces of heavy equipment
- 2x ignition specialists
- 5x helicopters

The volunteer fire department SHOT crew continued to provide structure protection support to nearby homeowners.

Parts of the Ibex Valley are still [under evacuation alert](#). The Alaska Highway remains open for public use. If you are travelling in the area, avoid stopping on the highway or any side roads near the fire so that firefighters can safely travel through the area.

Visit <https://wildfires.service.yukon.ca> to see the locations, size and control status of all Yukon wildfires.

[Photo: A firefighter hoses down burnt areas from a successful hand ignition operation on XY-019 on July 12, 2023.]



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