

Southwestern guard line completed, work ongoing to contain fire

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Reduced fire activity today allowed for more dozer guard to be built around XY-019, including the completion of dozer guard on the southwest corner of the fire and an extension of eastern guard running parallel to the highway. While fire activity was low today due to rainfall, plumes of smoke are still visible in the burned area.

The forecast calls for drying conditions to resume. Weather station estimates that the fire received closer to 6 millimetres of rain on Wednesday. The fire size remains around 1402 hectares.

The fire remains out of control and is receiving a full response. Although rain is helpful to operations, it does not extinguish a fire. Work will continue connecting guard and extending wetlines further into the fire. Even if containment is achieved, extensive patrols will be required to identify and extinguish hotspots.

Today, resources on the fire included:

- 30x firefighters, including a 17-person Yukon First Nations Wildfire unit crew
- 1x incident management team
- 7x pieces of heavy equipment
- 4x helicopters

[Photo: Wildland firefighting personnel discuss tactics after a morning operations briefing on May 13, 2023.]



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