



FOREST FIRE

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Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- Parry Sound 33 Forest Fire has been remapped at 11,185 ha.
- Another great day for crews working and laying hose around the perimeter of the fire.
- Crews continue to make excellent progress in critical areas, especially along the northeast side of the fire near the Pickerel River.
- Higher winds out of the southwest today tested the northeast perimeter, but the hose lines held and kept the fire's spread in check. It is estimated that most of the east flank has been tied with hose line.
- Waterbombers and helicopters worked in conjunction with the crews to help tie off areas of activity.
- The fire remains south of Key Harbour, and north of the Henvey Inlet waterway. Crews are working on perimeter containment on the southeast side of the fire north of Henvey Inlet.
- The west side of the fire remains unchanged; the fire remained quiet in the vicinity of Fox Island on the western perimeter. Crews continue suppression along the western flank of the fire.
- Structural protection continues on identified properties in noted priority zones west of highway 69 and east of Key Junction along the Pickerel River, west of highway 69.
- Even with today's winds, the fire remains approximately 5 kilometers away from highway 69 and less than one kilometer south of the Pickerel River near the CN trestle bridge on the west side of highway 69.
- Tomorrow's weather calls for another day of southwesterly winds.

Parry Sound 33 Resources

- 280 firefighters and support staff
- 15 helicopters
- An incident management team
- Water bomber support

Forecast and Weather Information

Friday will see partly cloudy conditions change to clear skies near Georgian Bay. The humidity will remain high for tomorrow, with southwest winds developing of 10-15km/h and gusts near 20km/h during the afternoon expected. These winds will weaken to near calm by sunset. Temperatures will be in the mid-20s.

Travel Restrictions

Travel restrictions in parts of Parry Sound and Sudbury districts due to forest fires

Pursuant to the Emergency Area Order signed July 21, 2018, an Implementation Order has been issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry prohibiting access and travel in portions of Parry Sound District where there are public safety hazards as a result of increased fire activity from Parry Sound #033.

The Order restricts travel, access and use in an identified area (see attached map below) and may be modified regularly to reflect changing fire conditions.

This measure has been put in place to ensure public safety while allowing fire personnel to safely and effectively suppress the fires in the identified area.

- All travel and use of all **water ways east and west** of Hwy. 69 in Mowat, Mason, Bigwood, Allen, Struthers, Kilpatrick and Travers townships and all associated tributaries that access the river systems, including all access from Georgian Bay, and all islands on Georgian Bay within the French River Provincial Park boundaries, Dokis Island system, and Puddick Island and all islands north of Henvey Inlet 2, southern boundary from mainland due west to Potvin Point is prohibited unless authorized by travel permit issued by Parry Sound District or Sudbury District Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR).
- All road access west of Hwy. 69 in Bigwood, Allen, Struthers, Kilpatrick and Travers townships is prohibited and the unsurveyed lands from the French River to Nesbitt Creek including 14 Mile Island and French River Provincial Park and to the southern border of Henvey Inlet 2 Indian Reserve, excluding business and residences north of the French River directly adjacent to the west side of Hwy. 69.

If a member of the public believes that access within the restricted travel area is necessary for non-recreational purposes, please send a travel request to travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will review the request for access based on the rationale provided, local fire activity, and the potential fire risk.

See the [restricted travel and access areas on this PDF map](#) (Note: this map gets updated regularly).

For inquiries about the travel restrictions, please call:

- Parry Sound MNRF 705-773-4218.
- Sudbury MNRF 705-564-7963

Restricted Fire Zone

A Fire Restriction remains in effect.

When a Restricted Fire Zone is declared, it is illegal to set a fire within the affected area. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to \$25,000 and three months in jail, as well as the financial responsibility for any costs incurred in fighting a forest fire caused by the illegal act. If you need heat for cooking and warmth, you must use a portable gas or propane stove. Portable charcoal equipment (ex. BBQs, Hibachis, etc.) are illegal for use during a Restricted Fire Zone, except close to a dwelling you legally own or occupy or in an organized campground.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> for more information.

Smoke Concerns

Many Ontario residents have reported smoke drift in their communities. Smokey conditions are expected to continue when fires are active until weather patterns change.

We would like to remind the public that if they do see flames or smoke, please report it. Stay away from the area for public safety.

If you have questions or concerns about smoke and your health, please contact TeleHealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000.

Did You Know?

Stages of control are classifications assigned to fires that are being suppressed. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry uses the following four stages of control:

Not Under Control (NUC)

Describes a wildfire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.

Being Held (BHE)

Indicated that with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.

Under Control (UCO)

Describes a forest fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.

OUT

Describes a fire that has been extinguished.

Contact Numbers and Online Information

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To request a travel permit: travelpermitsPAR033@ontario.ca

For general information about the fire situation: 705-564-6165

For information about highway closures: 5-1-1

For inquiries regarding Ontario Parks closures and updates: 705-857-1630 x 224



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