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Current wildfires

Smoke will remain in many areas of northern Alberta over the next 48 hours as a result of the wildfires burning in the High Level and Waterways areas, Wood Buffalo National Park, and the Northwest Territories. If you are having health issues as a result of the smoke, please call [Alberta Health Link](#) toll free at **1-866-408-5465 (LINK)**.

There are currently 11 wildfires burning in the Fort McMurray area (not including the fire in Wood Buffalo National Park). Six are out of control, four are being held, and one is under control. Five of the six out of control wildfires are located within the Ecological Wildfire Management Zone north of Fort Chip and are currently being monitored at this time.

MWF-057 is currently burning in northern Alberta, less than three kilometres south of Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. The fire is classified as **being held** at 7.5 hectares with the fireguard completed around the perimeter. With current weather conditions and resources, the fire is not expected to grow past its boundaries. We currently have three helicopters and 20 firefighters on this fire.

HWF-137 and HWF-138 are burning in the High Level area, but will be managed by Fort McMurray. These two fires are being grouped together as the **Birch River Complex**. They are burning **out of control** approximately 20 km south of Wood Buffalo National Park, just west of the Birch River, at over 4000 hectares in size. A Type 2 Incident Management Team is managing this complex.

The wildfire burning in Wood Buffalo National Park is **being held**. ESRD is continuing with full suppression operations on the area of the fire burning within the Forest Protection Area. For more information, please contact the **Parks Canada Fire Information Officer** at (867) 872-0107 or visit [Parks Canada](#).

Since April 1, 2012, the Fort McMurray area has recorded 64 wildfires, which have burned 2636.99 hectares. For information on wildfires burning in other areas of Alberta, please visit the [Wildfire Status Map](#).

Forecasted weather

Smoke is expected to remain in the Fort McMurray area over the next few days. For current smoke forecasts and air quality reports, please visit [BC Air Quality](#). Temperatures will remain in the high 20s today and tomorrow with possible precipitation and thunderstorms in the area on Sunday. Extremely dry conditions are present in the western part of the region and

extreme fire behaviour is expected for today.

For more information, please visit [Environment Canada](#) for the extended forecast. For the complete daily fire weather forecast and maps, please visit [ESRD Fire Danger Forecasts](#). For information on fire weather in general, please visit [Understanding Fire Weather](#).

Fire restrictions

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development will not be issuing any new fire permits in the Fort McMurray area within the Forest Protection Area until further notice. The suspension will be in place until the area receives significant rainfall and enough moisture to lower the fire hazard.

There are currently no fire bans or fire restrictions anywhere in the Waterways area or Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Please visit www.albertafirebans.ca for more information.

Wildfire prevention notices

As fuels continue to dry across the boreal zone, please exercise caution when working and recreating in forested areas this weekend. Keep campfires small and make sure they're extinguished before you leave them. Even with the slightest breeze, a smouldering fire that looks extinguished and come back to life in a matter of seconds. Do you part this summer - **soak it, stir it, and soak it again!**



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