

MODERATE

Current wildfires

A low pressure system and northwest winds are blowing smoke from the wildfires in the High Level area and the wildfire in Wood Buffalo National Park into Fort McMurray this morning. The smoke in Fort McMurray is not a result of any large out of control wildfires burning in the Waterways area. 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 were 16 new lightning-caused wildfires in the Fort McMurray area yesterday. There are currently 13 wildfires burning in the Fort McMurray area, all of which are being held or under control. The largest wildfire in the area is currently 12.80 hectares in size and is currently being held. There are no out of control fires in the area and no communities or industrial sites are being threatened.

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 56 wildfires, which have burned 59.75 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 in the high 20s and low 30s are expected, as isolated thunderstorms throughout the area in the evenings.

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](#).

The fire hazard remains moderate at this time due to high humidity levels in northern

Alberta. With increasing temperatures and little precipitation in the forecast, the wildfire hazard is expected to rise as the week progresses.

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. However, several municipalities in southern and central Alberta still have fire bans or prevention notices in effect for their jurisdictions. Please visit www.albertafirebans.ca for more information.

Important notice

We are expecting higher temperatures and isolated thunderstorms with lightning in the Fort McMurray area. While many new wildfire starts are detected by our lookout towers throughout the area, we also depend on Albertans to report wildfires in our forested areas. Remember, if you see smoke or fire in the forest, call **310-FIRE!**

For provincial wildfire information, like our Facebook page at [Alberta Wildfire Info](#) or follow us on Twitter at [ABGovWildfire](#).



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