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Buhl Fire Information Bulletin – August 6, 2025

Location: Saskatchewan

Fire: Parks Canada – 2025PA04-Buhl, SPSA – 25WY-Buhl

Size: 95,449 hectares (13,223 hectares within Prince Albert National Park, 82,226 hectares on provincial Crown land)*

* Firefighters use multiple tools to measure distances and sizes depending on visibility, smoke and availability of aircraft and drones. These tools have various accuracies to measure distance and are subject to change.

Current as of: August 6, 2025, at 12:30 pm CT.

Please note that the information provided is current at the time of writing and may be subject to change.

Incident Command Objective

Parks Canada and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency are operating under a Unified Command structure, ensuring a coordinated and collaborative approach to managing the incident and aligning operational objectives, resource sharing, and public communication.

Objectives for managing this incident are ensuring public safety, protecting critical infrastructure, and preserving valued natural and cultural resources. Collaboration between Parks Canada and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency allows for a coordinated wildfire response and sharing of timely and accurate information. Control and suppression efforts are aimed at limiting the spread of the wildfire perimeter, primarily in the direction of nearby communities and values at risk. Strategies will include maintaining safe and open access along key highways and roads and safeguarding community structures.

Operations from August 5:

Earlier rainfall helped keep wildfire intensity low, resulting in minimal fire growth. Scattered precipitation was received again in some areas yesterday, primarily on the east side of the wildfire. Yesterday's operations included:

- Continuing to maintain and expand water access to action fire activity along the southeastern perimeter of the wildfire.
- Working to extinguish hotspots in priority areas including near Ramsey Bay, and the northeast corner of Prince Albert National Park.
- Assessing and removing danger trees in key areas of the southeastern and eastern fire perimeter to ensure a safer working environment.
- Continuing direct suppression tactics along the eastern and southeastern fire perimeters and aircraft bucketing in uncontained areas to limit fire spread.
- Maintaining structural protection based on needs for the community of Ramsey Bay, including a high-volume sprinkler system.



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Tomorrow, and every day, operations will continue with the same priorities:

1. Preserving life and safety.
2. Protecting communities, infrastructure, and values at risk.
3. Preventing harm to natural and cultural resources.

Community Status Update

For additional information on the current status of communities impacted by the Buhl Fire, refer to the local jurisdiction.

Travelers on Highway 2 north of Waskesiu may see fire activity from the road and visibility may be reduced due to smoke. Drive with caution and check the [Highway Hotline](#) for information about road conditions. SPSA fire crews, helicopters, and heavy machinery are working adjacent to the roadway.

Saskatchewan Parks, Culture and Sport, and Northern Municipal Services declared a local emergency and an evacuation order for the Resort Subdivision of Ramsey Bay and Ramsey Bay Campground on July 24, 2025. For more information, call [1-855-559-5502](tel:1-855-559-5502).

Last evening, Parks Canada lifted the pre-evacuation alert for Prince Albert National Park including the Waskesiu Lake townsite. This decision was taken in light of the significant progress towards containment of the Buhl Wildfire within the national park, alongside more favourable weather conditions and a decrease in fire behaviour. Although recent rainfall is welcome, the Buhl Wildfire is still classified as “out of control” and the situation could change quickly. Public safety is a top priority for Parks Canada, and an evacuation alert or order could still be issued if deemed necessary by fire management experts.

Montreal Lake Cree Nation, Elk Ridge and McPhee Lake do not currently have any alerts or orders in effect.

If you see smoke or flames and suspect a wildfire, do not hesitate—call 911 immediately. To report suspicious smoke or wildfires in Prince Albert National Park, call Parks Canada Dispatch at 780-852-3100 (toll free 877-852-3100).

Your quick action can save lives, protect homes, and help emergency responders contain the fire before it spreads.

Fire Distance from Communities

Please note these are approximations and not exact distances. This information is only provided as a reference. Continue to monitor and follow instructions provided through the various emergency channels.

- Ramsey Bay – 0.9 km.
- Montreal Lake – 12.5 km.
- Waskesiu – 30.6 km.
- Bittern Lake – 31.8 km.
- Elk Ridge – 34.8 km.
- McPhee Lake – 37.9 km.



Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy. Precipitation: 30% chance of thundershowers with risk of dry lightning and hail.

Maximum temperature: 24°C. Minimum relative humidity: 35%. Winds: N 10-15 km/h, gusting to 25 km/h.

Buhl Fire Summary

Identified on June 29, 2025.

Cause: Lightning

Current resources assigned to the incident:

- 160 personnel (not including additional SPSA support staff)
- 8 helicopters

The Buhl Wildfire response also has access to additional air support, including air tankers and water tenders, and heavy equipment as and when required.

Provincial Operation Level: Level 4 - Enhanced Operation, District Response/District EOC activated.

Additional information

- SK Wildfire Inquiry Line: Available daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Toll-free: [1-855-559-5502](tel:1-855-559-5502)
- [Daily Buhl Wildfire updates](#) – Prince Albert National Park
- [Daily Situation Reports](#) - SK Publications.
- [SPSA Interactive Wildfire Map](#)
- [FireSmoke Canada](#)
- [Prince Albert National Park closures and fire ban](#)
 - A fire ban and several area closures in Prince Albert National Park remain in effect while the wildfire response is ongoing. For the safety of yourself and others, please respect all closures and the fire ban as the fire danger remains “extreme”.
- [Saskatchewan Fire Ban Map](#)
 - The SPSA issued a fire ban effective at 8 am on July 10, 2025. The ban remains in effect and encompasses the area north of the provincial forest boundary, up to the Churchill River.
- [Saskatchewan Highway Hotline](#)



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Fire Map: Last Updated – 8 am, August 6, 2025

