

# FIRE UPDATE



June 23, 2025

It can be expected that throughout the summer there will be flare ups and visible smoke as the fire continues to burn in some areas. Anyone who spots a wildfire can call 1-800-667-9660 or contact their closest SPSA Forest Protection Area office.

With the current fire status the fire break at Cranberry Creek has been reassessed and is not proceeding at this time. They will continue working closer to the fire's edge. At this time the main priorities are containment and suppression along the fire's perimeter, and the protection of life, property and infrastructure. Due to the dynamic nature of the wildfire, they will continue to triage the equipment and resources to the areas of most need.

## **How Residents Can Help**

-FireSmart your properties, links to the SPSA's FireSmart page can be found on our website.

Following is SPSA's Community update for June 23, 2025: 25LF-SHOE Fire Community Update – June 23, 2025

Location: Saskatchewan

Fire: 25LF-SHOE

Operation Level: Level 2 - Provincial Response/Provincial EOC activated

Current as of: June 23, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

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

If you see smoke or flames and suspect a wildfire, do not hesitate —call 911 immediately.

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

SK Wildfire Inquiry Line available daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Toll-free: 1-855-559-5502

Situation Reports are posted daily and can be found on the Sk Publications Website.

Visual information is located on the SPSA Interactive Wildfire Map.

For more information regarding wildfire weather and smoke, please visit FireSmoke Canada.

To learn more about highway conditions, including closures, please visit Sk Highway Hotline.

Fire Size: 554,484.0 ha, no change since June 15th. Prince Edward Island is approximately 568,603.0 ha.

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

Whelan Bay / Whiteswan Lake – 3km, unchanged.

Candle Lake – 10km, unchanged.

Smeaton – 12km, unchanged.

Today's Focus: The following is the current operational plan for fire crews across the incident zone. Due to the dynamic nature of wildfire response, crews and equipment may be reassigned at any time. This information reflects intentions, not guarantees.

### Weather Forecast

Last night an upper trough brought cloudy skies and a chance of light rain showers to the area. A weak surface inversion is expected to build in the area around 21:00 CST Sunday evening and is expected to break around 03:00 CST Monday morning.

Forecast for Monday is a low-pressure center will bring cloudy skies and a chance of light rain showers with a risk of thunder showers. Up to 10 mm of moisture, wind gusting to 70 km/h and a risk of small hail is possible in thunder showers. A surface inversion is expected to build around 21:00 CST Monday evening.

Max. Temp: 13C. Min RH : 65%. Winds NE 5-15 > E-SE 10-20 km/h. Precip: NIL.

### Fire Behaviour Forecast

Cool weather with some light precipitation has moderated fire conditions across most of the fire, keeping spread potential minimal on the next couple days. Keep in mind that a little over a week ago southern portions of this fire received over 30mm of rain and fire activity had begun to rebound by the end of the week. Current conditions are great for detecting and working any heat along the lines and perimeter of this fire.

## Shoe Fire Summary

Residents and visitors should be prepared to see occasional smoke within the boundaries of the Shoe Fire. This smoke is the result of smoldering materials in isolated areas and is expected to continue intermittently as remaining hot spots burn out naturally or extinguished by fire crews.

The Shoe Fire line has stalled and shows very limited growth over the past 8 days. Patrols along the northern edge of the Shoe Fire have shown a reduction of smoke and residual heat. At this time, the cooling temperatures have affected heat and smoke development, and there is minimal indication of potential fire growth in this sector and monitoring will continue.

Current weather conditions—

marked by cooler temperatures—continue helping to suppress fire activity and are expected to continue limiting the potential for further development in the immediate term while fire crews continue to extinguish hot spots.

Firefighting operations are also continuing along the fire line north and south of Highway 120, with crews accessing areas from established helispots.

Fire crews report no visible signs of activity along the fire line between Whalen Bay and Candle Lake. This section remains stable and secure under ongoing monitoring.

## Candle Lake Area

The fire line adjacent to Candle Lake remains secure and is not exhibiting any signs of progression at this time. Fire crews remain active today, continuing to extinguish hotspots along the southeast of Candle Lake while also advancing northbound to address heat sources north of Helipad 36. Crews continue to monitor the area closely to ensure conditions remain stable.

### East Trout Lake

Crews are conducting systematic patrols to detect and extinguish residual hot spots. Continue to follow directions from Northern Municipal Services regarding restricted access to the community.

### Little Bear Lake, Moose Horn and Piprell Area

Mobile fire crews remain active throughout the area, conducting regular patrols and utilizing drones scans from June 20th for reference to hotspots. Encouragingly, they are encountering fewer signs of heat or smoke with each pass, indicating continued progress toward full containment and mop-up. Monitoring efforts will remain in place to ensure public safety and to address any flare-ups should they occur.

### Smeaton Area

Fire suppression teams are operating east of Harding Road with support from a 6x6 Marlon water and pump unit to extinguish remaining heat sources. These hotspots are buried beneath the surface, requiring significant effort and specialized techniques to access and suppress. Fire lines that remain secure are under continuous monitoring and regular patrols to ensure containment is maintained.

### Whelan Bay / Whiteswan Lake Area

The fire perimeter in the Whalen Bay area has remained stable, with containment lines holding effectively. Fire crews continue to patrol the region, targeting and extinguishing remaining hot spots to ensure the area remains secure. Two fuel pods remain in the community to be picked Today.

Fire Map: Last Updated – 10:00 June 21, 2025