

Weyakwin Complex Information Bulletin

August 15, 2025

The Weyakwin Complex consists of the Buhl, Ditch02 and Hawk fires in Central Saskatchewan. These fires are being managed as a complex to make efficient use of resources in the region.

Information bulletins on the Weyakwin Complex will be shared on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only, unless there are any significant changes.

Fire Weather

<u>Wednesday and Thursday</u>: over the last two days, the entire complex received significant rainfall. Wednesday rainfall amounts ranged from 30-40 ml in the evening and overnight. The rain and winds limited the work of fire crews and helicopters but provided some natural fire suppression.

<u>Today</u>: A mix of sun and cloud is expected today with a high of 16°C. The previous rain as well as high humidity overnight is keeping fire behaviour low.

Fire summary:

Buhl (SPSA – 25WY-Buhl)

Size: 96,991 hectares, identified on June 29, 2025, cause: lightning.

Ditch02 (SPSA – 25WY-Ditch02):

• Size: 195,091 hectares, identified on May 26, 2025, cause: arson.

Hawk (25WY-Hawk):

• Size: 110,549 hectares, identified on June 30, 2025, cause: lightning.

Please note: a variety of tools are used to measure fire size and accuracy generally increases after fire growth has slowed. An increase or decrease does not always reflect an actual change in fire size, it may simply reflect a more refined measurement or estimate. This is especially common on large wildfire incidents.

Operations from August 13 - 14:

On Wednesday and Thursday, operations were limited due to high winds and heavy rainfall that increased tree fall hazard and made flying conditions and visibility unsafe. Safety of fire and air crews is the highest priority. With weather restricting helicopter flights, crews were kept close to road accessible areas where they could get out quickly and safely if weather deteriorated. Fire crews were able to work on putting out remaining hot spots, continue heavy equipment work on fire guards where conditions allowed, and demobilize equipment from areas that are now controlled. Priority areas for monitoring, hot spotting and/or demobilization work were:

- South of Weyakwin along Highway 2 and north in the Weyakumew Lake area (Ditch02)
- Pear Lake, Tracy Road area (Hawk)
- Highway 916 and Ramsey Bay areas (Buhl)

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Current resources assigned to the complex:

- Type 1, 2 and 3 fire crews from Saskatchewan, the Yukon, Mexico and Parks Canada
- Type 3 Canadian Armed Forces crew members
- Helicopter and air tanker support
- Heavy equipment strike teams
- Out-of-province incident management personnel and specialists

Fire bans

On August 13 at 11:00 p.m., the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency lifted the provincial fire ban due to improved conditions. The public is reminded that provincial and national parks, municipalities and rural municipalities may still have fire bans, restrictions or advisories in effect.

Community Status Update

For additional information on the current status of communities impacted by the Weyakwin Complex fires, refer to your local government or municipality.

Weyakwin Complex fire crews, helicopters, and heavy machinery may be working along highways and roads within the fire areas. Drive with caution and check the <u>Highway Hotline</u> for information about road conditions.

There are currently no alerts or orders in effect due to this complex.



Fire crew from Mexico, Ditch02 fire. Photo: Jonas Ermine

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Additional information

 SK Wildfire Inquiry Line: Available daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

Toll-free: <u>1-855-559-5502</u>

- <u>Buhl Wildfire updates</u> Prince Albert National Park
- SPSA Interactive Wildfire Map
- Saskatchewan Fire Ban Map
- Saskatchewan Highway Hotline

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