

2025 Wildland Fire Season

**In-season Situational Awareness Briefing
for Indigenous Partners**

June 5th , 2025

Welcome – A few details for today's session:

- Microphones are enabled should you have questions during the briefing
- You may also use the Q&A function in the menu at the top to ask questions and please include your email for follow up.
- We will follow up on any questions that we are unable to answer during the session or do our best to connect you with the appropriate person to answer your question.
- If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please contact Antonio Crispino Antonio.Crispino@ontario.ca

Land acknowledgement



Treaty Map of Ontario Source:
[NAN Inquest Panels Electronic Book Version \(adobe.com\)](#)

Purpose

To provide Indigenous partners with updates on the overall current fire situation provincially and identify available information resources for continued awareness. These sessions are not designed to provide operational information specific to a particular fire, community or geographic sector, or to support local decision-making.

Outline

- Current Fire Situation
- Number of active fires and location
 - Number of hectares burning
- Overview of Fires of Note
- Emergency Orders and Evacuations
- Updated Weather and Fire Outlook
- Planned Next Steps based on Outlooks
- Appendices: Overview of available information resources and who to contact

Wildland Fire Situational Awareness Briefings

- These briefings are focused on delivering general wildland fire situational awareness information and to open a two-way form of communication between the Ministry and those impacted by wildland fires.
- The briefings are not designed for urgent, emergency decision-making or to determine courses of action (strategies and tactics) related to safety.
- Information for decision-making is provided through regular established planning venues (e.g., community level, joint command, Ministry and partner decision-making tables).
- During the fire season, AFFES will manage the frequency and content of in-year briefings according to the level of fire hazard and/or (AFFES/MNRF Level of Fire Preparedness).
- ONTARIO Current Preparedness Level = 4
- NATIONAL Current Preparedness Level = 5

CIFFC

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Agency Fire Danger	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Current Fire Load	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Anticipated Fire Load (7 Days)	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
Agency Resource Levels	Adequate	Adequate	Some Assistance	Assistance Required	Inadequate
Agency's Ability to Respond to CIFFC Resource Requests	Excellent	Good	Moderate	Poor	No Ability

- As the fire situation is highly dynamic, briefing information provided as well as information provided through provided sources/links may not be the most current information.

Current Fire Season Situation

(As of June 5th, 2025 @ 11:00est)

2025 Wildland Fire Information	West	East	Total
New Fires Yesterday (June 5th)	3	1	4
Active Fires (June 5th)	16	2	18
Total Fires to Date	106	41	147
Total Hectares Burned to Date	125,463.6	295.3	125,758.9

Historical Wildland Fire Information	Last Year (2024)	10-year Average
Total to Date	95	142
Total Hectares Burned to Date	6394.2	42,025.3

Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of June 5th, 2025 @ 11:00est)

2025 - Air Tankers/Helicopters	West	East	Total
CL415	8	2	10
Twin Otters	0	2	2
Helicopters	44	9	53
Out of Province Resources Imported to Ontario			
Wisconsin	1 5p Crew		
New Brunswick	1 - AAON		
B.C.	16 T1 EA Crew – Fire Fighters 1 – Overhead AREP		
Contract Fire Crews Type 2			
GCF	12 Crews on hire currently		

Comments/Concerns/Challenges of Note:

- Smoke continues to drift and spread across all areas of the province.
- Western Provinces are still experiencing escalated fire activity - 201 active fires, 1743 fires to date, 2,233296
6 hectares burned (YTD)

Incident Management Teams (Type 1)	
Yanni IMT	No Alert
Brown IMT	Committed
Hurley IMT	Committed
Horan IMT	On Alert

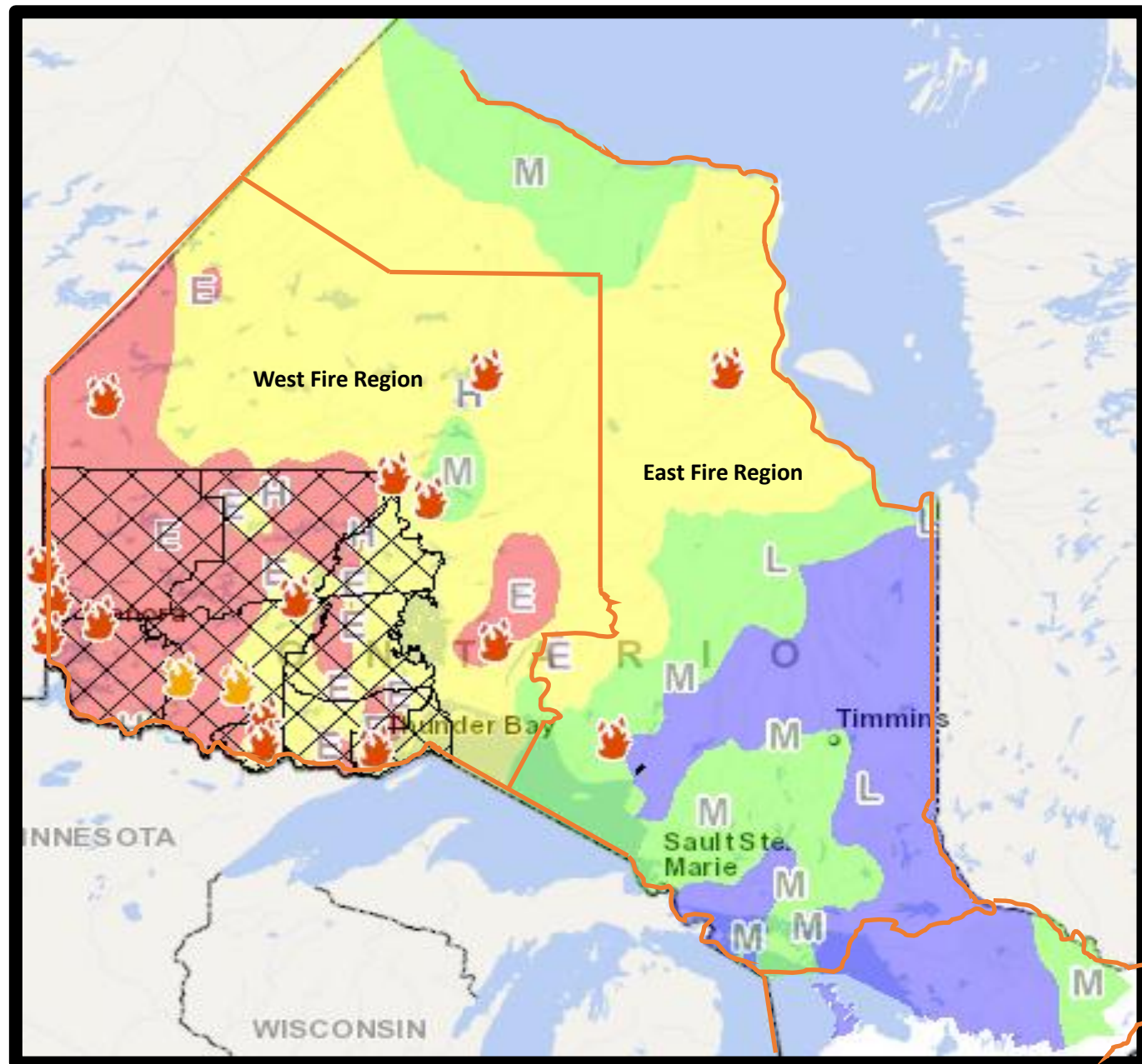
West Fire Region

Fires of Note as of June 4th

[Forest Fire Info Map \(gov.on.ca\)](http://gov.on.ca)

There are 3 fires of note in the Northwest Region.

- Red Lake 12 – Deer Lake First Nation
- Kenora 34 (MB EA61 – 203,000Ha)
- Kenora 20 – Ingolf, Wabaseemoong

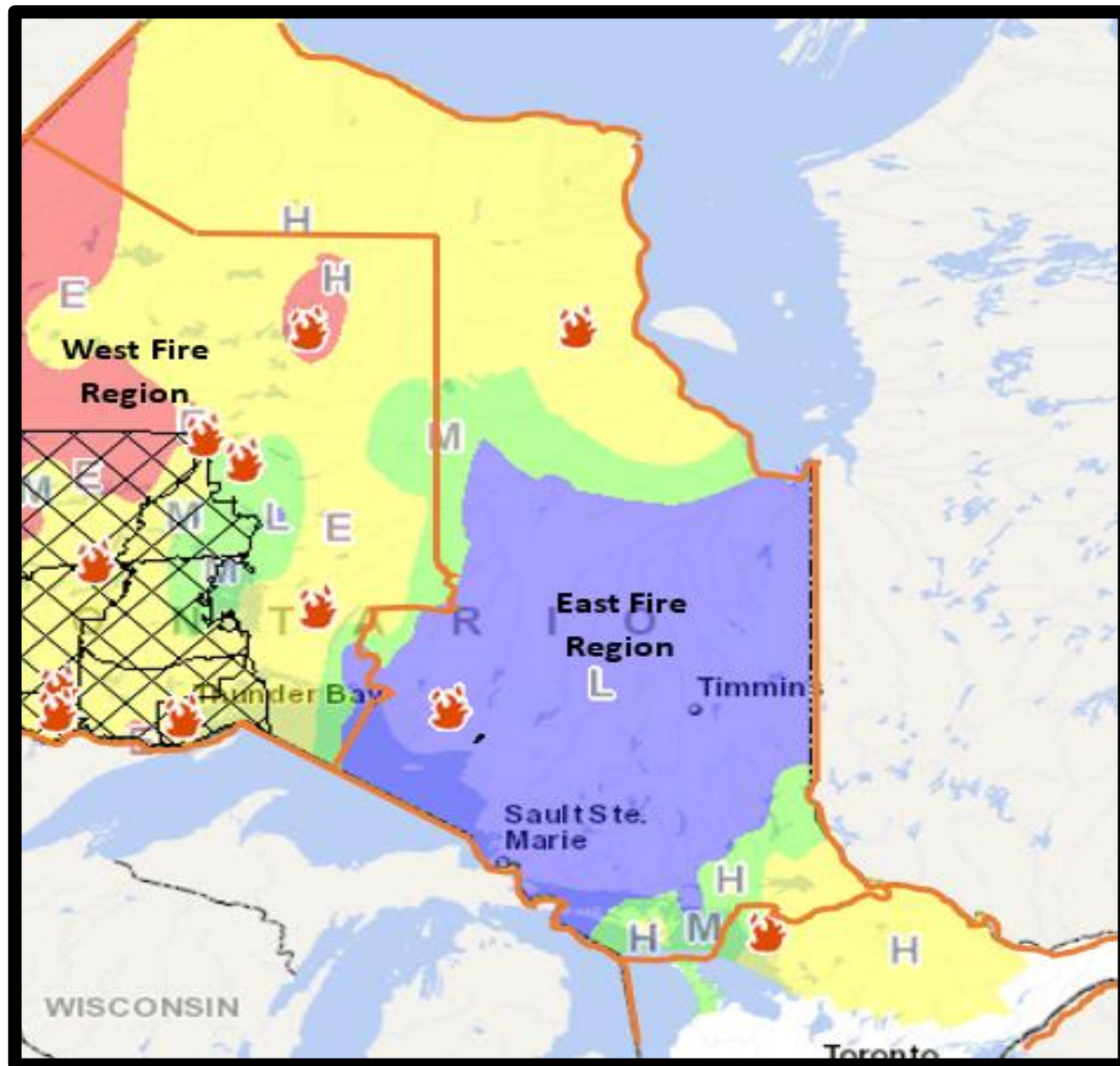


East Fire Region

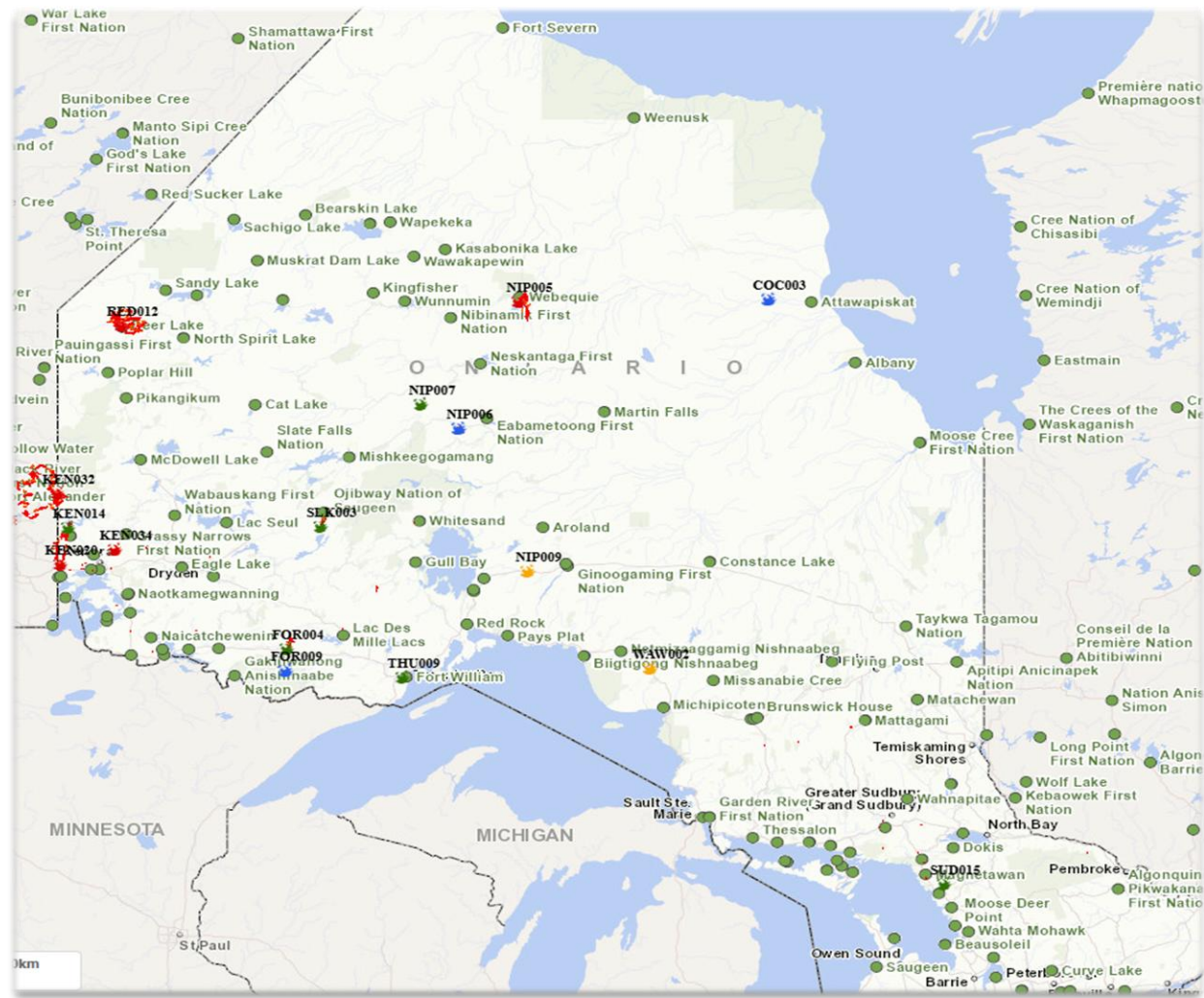
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**There are no new fires
of note in the
Northeast Region.**



Provincial Overview



Current Fire Season Situation – Emergency Orders and Evacuations

(As of May 19, 2025)

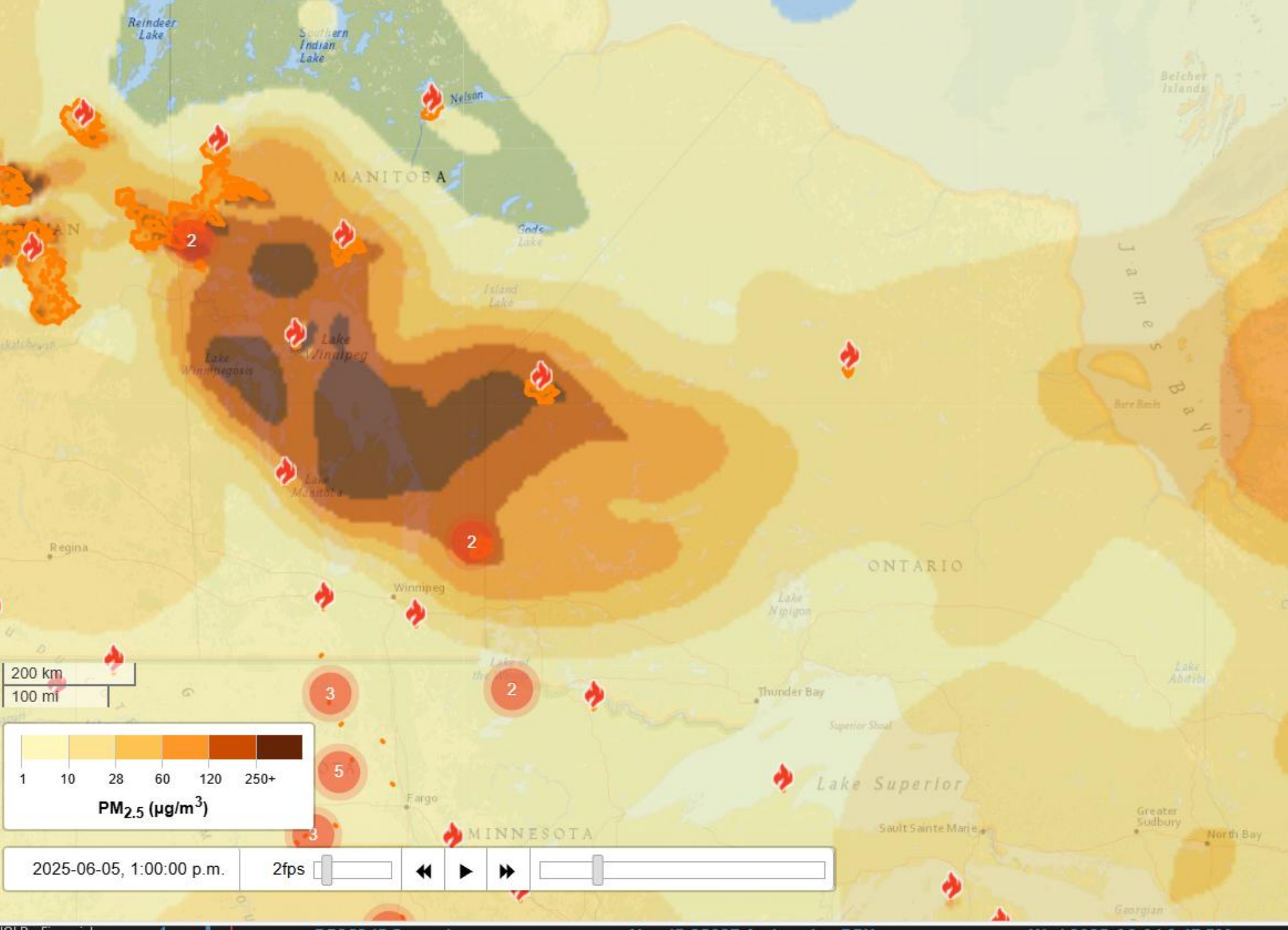
Current Orders	Location / Fires	EAO As of Date	Comments/Description
Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)	Northwest Region (Zones 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)	May 30th	Due to extreme wildland hazard and increased wildland fire activity, in order to reduce the number of human-caused fires.
Emergency Area Order and Implementation Order, Evacuation Order	KEN 20 and surrounding area	May 13th	For the purposes of public safety and/or effectual fire suppression
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Emergency Area Order and Implementation Order	FOR 4 and surrounding area	May 15th	For the purposes of public safety and/or effectual fire suppression
Emergency Area Order and Implementation Order	SLK 3 and surrounding area	May 14th	For the purposes of public safety and/or effectual fire suppression

Restricted Fire Zone and Implementation Order maps can be found on the www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires

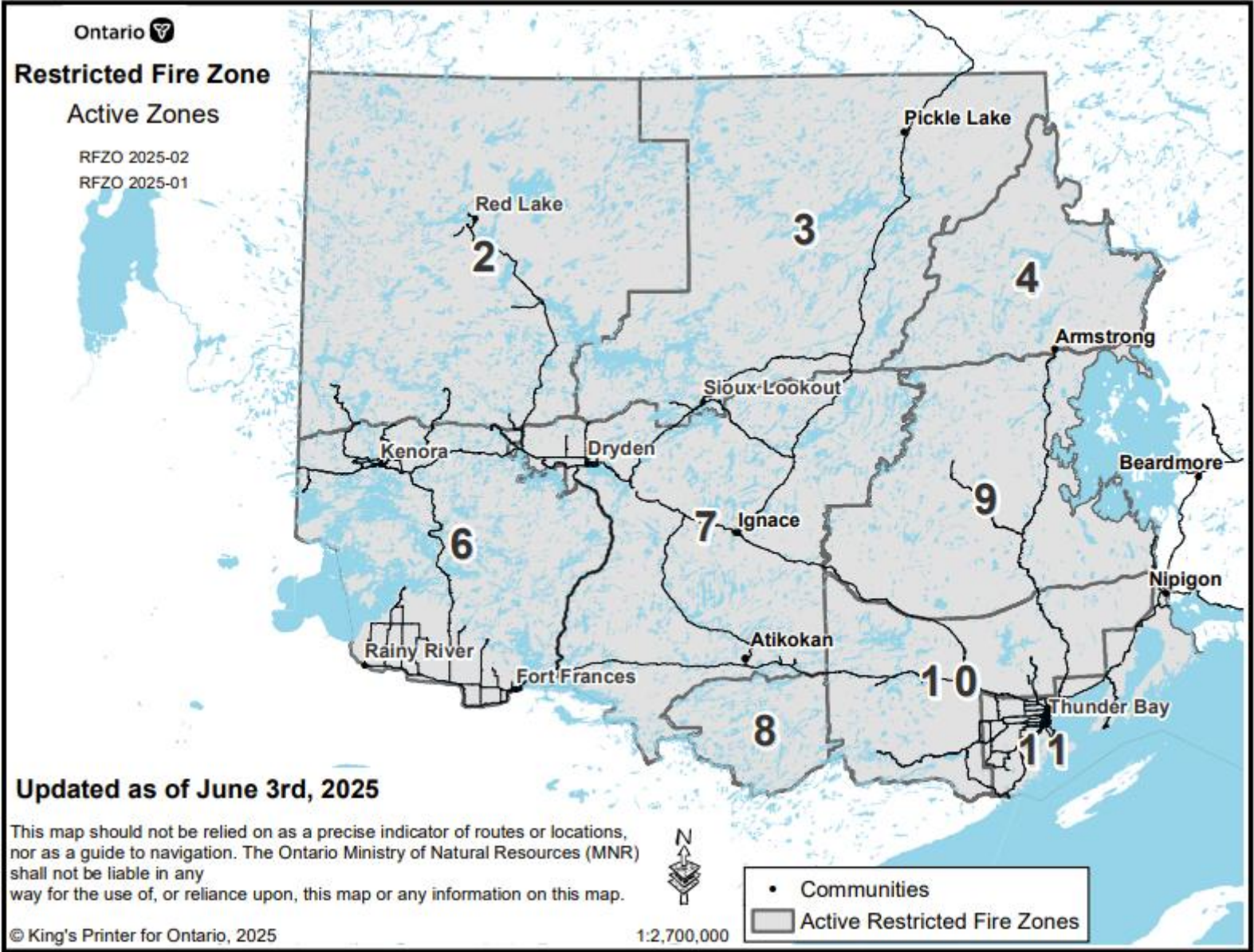
Despite cooler temperatures and precipitation over the weekend, forest fuels are still highly susceptible to fire starts. Because the amount of precipitation has not been great enough to lessen the fire hazard, burning conditions can rebound quite quickly and as the drying trend continues, there is more build up of forest fuel available to burn.

As a result, the Restricted Fire Zone for the fire region remains in effect until further notice.





Current Restricted Fire Zone Map



Fire	Location (approx.)	Size (ha)	Status	Comments/Description/Update
KEN 20	Located in the community of Ingolf	36,039	Not Under Control	KEN020, near the community of Ingolf, is currently Not Under Control at 36,039 hectares. No growth has been observed on the east flank of the fire. Fire Ranger crews have tied in hose lines around the fire and utilized helicopter bucket support. The fire is responding well to suppression
RED 012	Deer Lake First Nation	65,186	Not Under Control	located in the community of Deer Lake and sized at 65,186 hectares, is currently Not Under Control. An incident management team has assumed command of the fire. Helicopters were able to fly the fire today allowing for helicopter bucketing to support crews on the as well as allowing overhead staff to observe the head of the fire. Fire behavior was less intense yesterday than earlier in the week. Fire Ranger crews have consolidated hose lines surrounding the community and have worked 10 to 20 feet into the perimeter. They have continued setting up and maintaining critical infrastructure protection.
NIP 005	Located south of Webequie FN	8,881	Not Under Control	located in the community of Webequie First Nation, with a reported size of 8,881 hectares, is currently Not Under Control. Smoke from other large fires to the west have shaded NIP005 and helped to reduce fire behaviour. Work continued for Fire Ranger crews on the north and west sides of the fire's edge, closest to the community

Northwest Region

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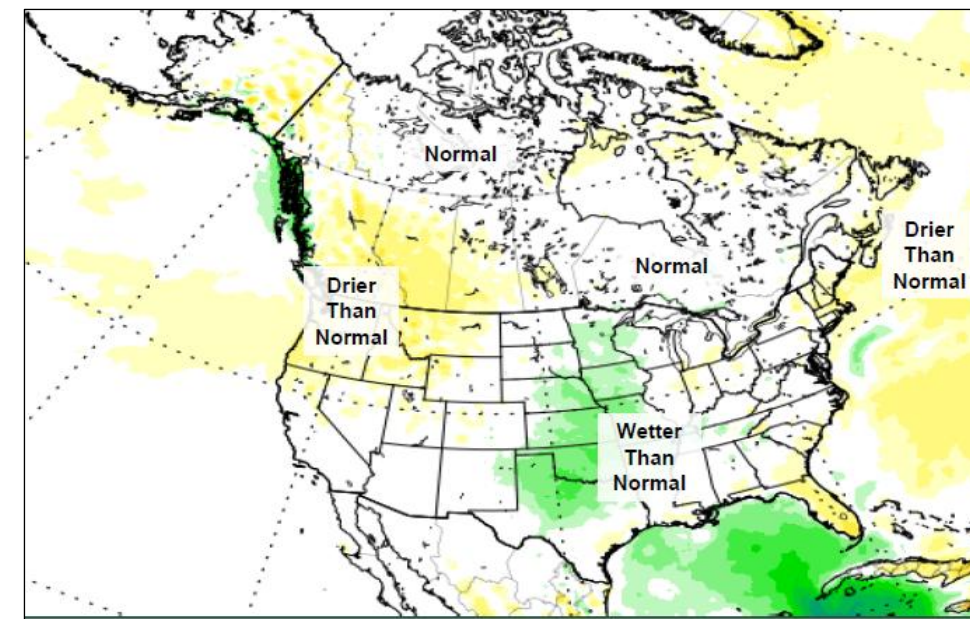


General Weather Outlook

(Issued June 4th, 2025)

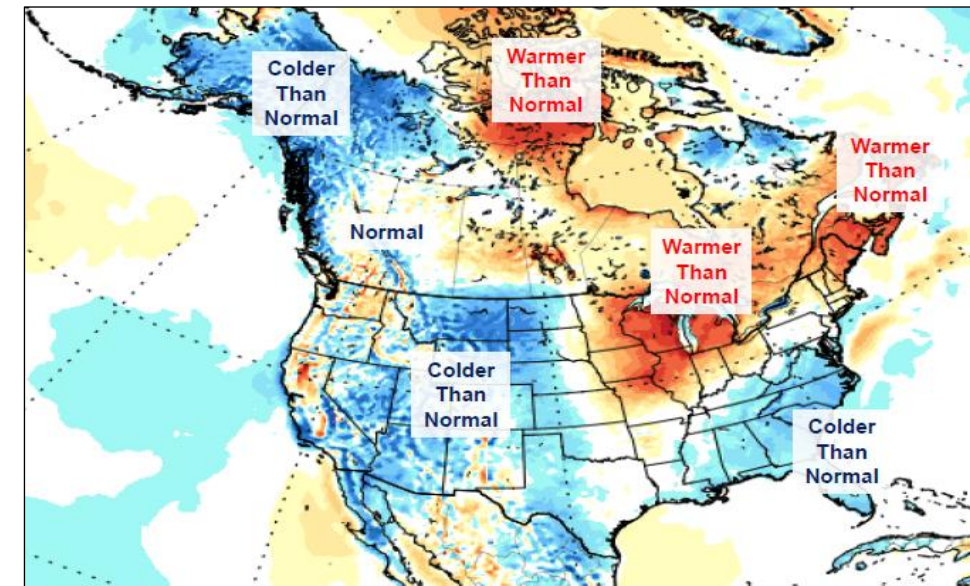
- **IMPACT ON ONTARIO AND NATIONALLY:** Forecast confidence is low, but only because there is a transition from the ridging over Ontario to a new pattern.
- Models suggest that the pattern change will be towards more zonal flow that will bring more seasonal precipitation. Warmer than normal temperatures are expected to continue into mid-June.
- The eastern half of Canada will be warmer than normal while more seasonal temperatures will hold on in the West. Dry conditions will be in place for early June in both Alberta and BC, as well as the Maritime provinces. North Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Quebec should see more seasonal rainfall on the zonal flow in the center part of North America.

Seasonal weather outlooks are challenging due to the complexity, variability and uncertainty of the models. Due to the variability of weather, this outlook may change as updated information becomes available and should be used as identifying potential trends, as opposed to a forecast.



4-10 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns

valid: June 6 to June 13, 2025



6-10 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: June 8 to June 12, 2025



Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook

(As of June 5th , 2025)

Today:

Mild high pressure settles over the whole Region today but expect conditions to still be a bit unstable. A mix of sun and cloud with lots of smoke and haze aloft will continue to be the main trend and pop-up showers could potentially trigger in the northern districts this afternoon, trace amounts if anything. There is also a slight risk of some possible pop-up thunderstorm activity developing along Western Superior but still no major accumulations expected. Winds will be mostly westerly to northwesterly averaging 10-20km/h, some gusts up to 30-40km/h and possibly stronger around Lake Nipigon. RH's will mostly fall to 20-30% as daytime highs trend in the high teens and low 20's.

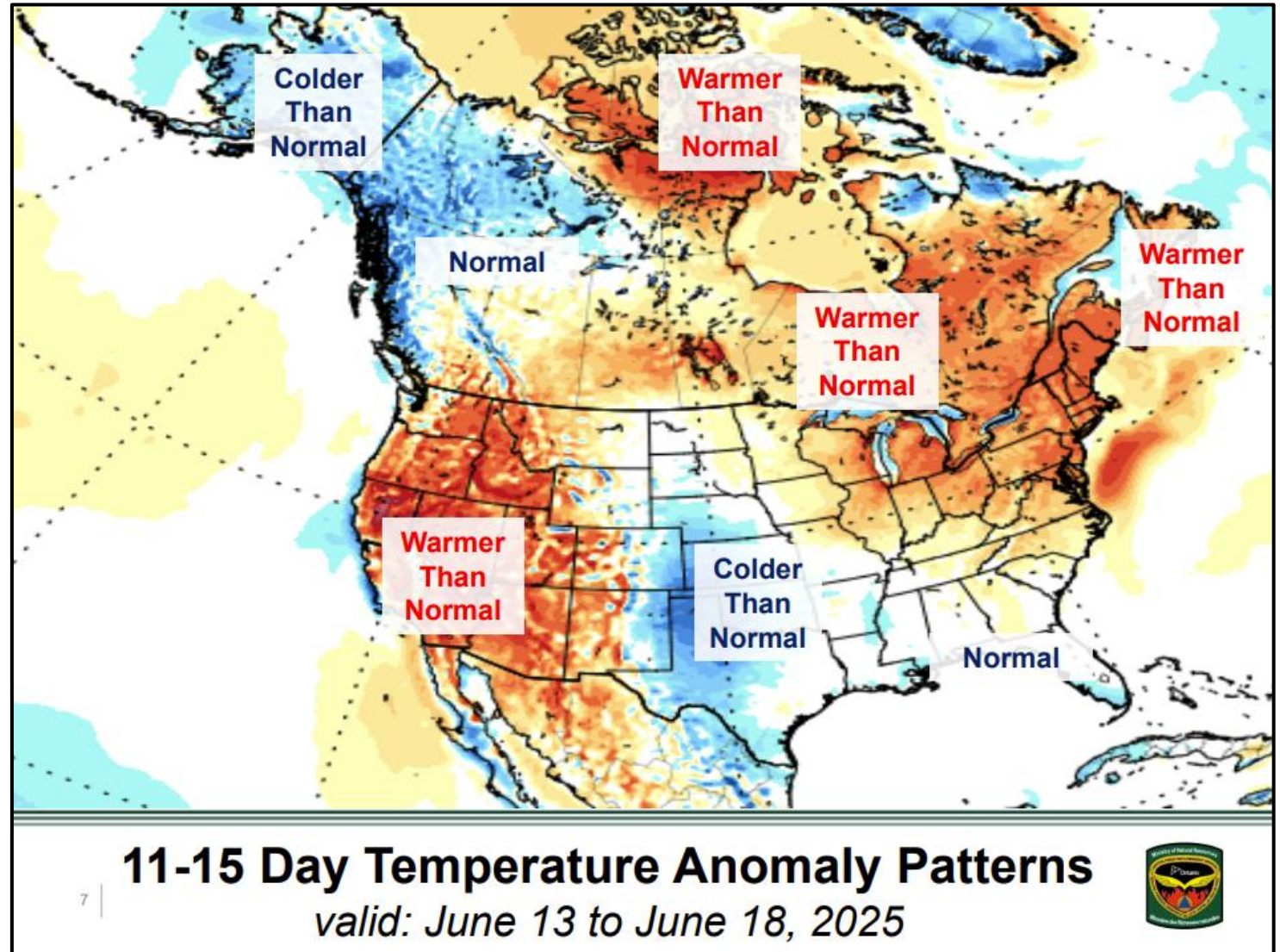
Outlook:

High pressure over Superior will barely move on Friday keeping all weather conditions over the province pretty consistent, though a few more scattered trace showers and/or pop-up thunderstorms may trigger in the afternoon over the northernmost districts due to greater instability aloft. Our next major low pressure system arrives in the northwest on Saturday and Sunday bringing some much needed widespread rain/showers and embedded thunderstorms. 2 day totals could yield as much as 20-40mm while the eastern half of the province gets a portion of that moisture through the latter half of the weekend. **Expect cyclonic winds to ramp up through the weekend and into next week. RH's will get progressively more saturated through the outlook period and temperatures will continue to trend in the low to mid 20's before cooling down next week.**

Planned Next Steps Based On Outlooks

(June 4th , 2025)

- Consolidation of existing large wildfires
- Ongoing retrieval of suppression equipment and downscaling of Kenora Sector as lines become secure
- Increased emphasis on Initial Attack preparedness



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WHAT'S NEXT: Ongoing Wildland Fire Situation

- We will monitor fire conditions and the weather outlook to determine when the next in-season briefing will be scheduled.
- Existing situation has progressed from a more "defensive" values protection / public safety approach to more focused direct suppression action to contain and extinguish existing large fires.

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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US!

Our team is always contactable should you have any questions or would like to provide us feedback.

We can be reached via email at:

AFFES.IndigenousRelations@ontario.ca

Or you can find our individual contact information in the appendices.

We thank all partners for your participation and engagement throughout the season and look forward to future opportunities to collaborate.

Appendices

Day to Day Wildfire Communications (who to call first)

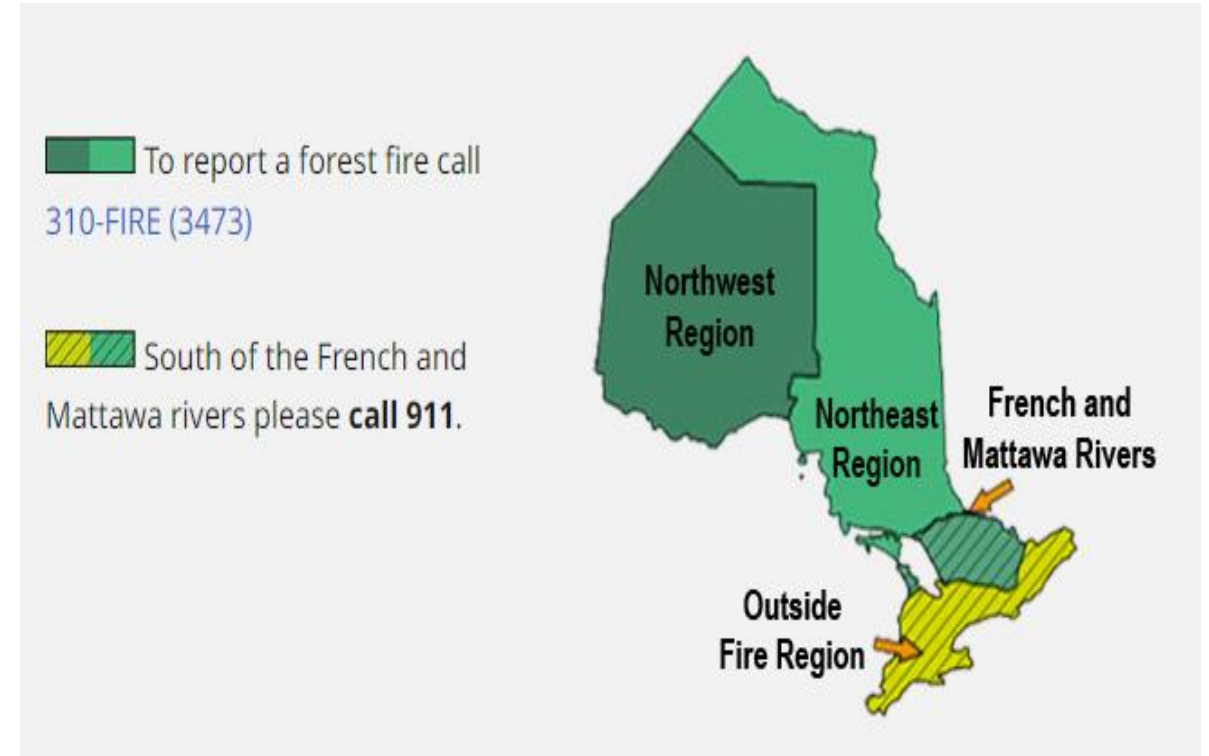
Key Contacts, Fire Headquarters and Information Sources

Local Fire Management Offices:

- Community Fire Officers / Coastal Rangers (where available)
- Fire Management Supervisor
- Sector Response Officer
- Community Liaison Officer (as deployed)
- Incident Management Team (IMT) - Information Officer / Liaison Officer (as deployed)

Regional Information Sources:

- **Report a Wildfire – (Northwest/Northeast) 310-FIRE (3473)**
- **All Others: Dial 911**
- **Situational Updates – Ontario.ca [Forest, wildland and outdoor fires | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/forest-wildland-and-outdoor-fires)**
- **Regional Fire Information Officers**



Stages of Control

Not Under Control

A wildland fire that either has not yet been suppressed to the point where it is being held, or a wildland fire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.



Under Control

A wildland fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.



Being Held

A wildland fire that indicates, with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.



Out

A wildland fire that is extinguished is called out.



Being Observed

A wildland fire that is being monitored to allow the natural ecological benefits of wildland fires to take place as they would in the natural environment without human intervention.



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Wildland Fire Daily Information Sources

Forest Fire Information Map and Website – Ontario.ca/forestfire

General information updates and wildland fire season status summaries can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.

Stay informed of the location, size, and status of all active wildland fires.

Also shows extinguished fires, existing fire perimeters, the current restrictions (e.g., restricted fire zone), the current forest fire danger ratings, 24-hour weather observations, and boundaries of the fire management areas, etc.

Daily Fire Situation Updates (AFFES)

End of day fire situation reports from Northwest and Northeast Region – daily fire situation summary emailed to AFFES' media outlet contacts to provide the most up to date information for the next operational period.

Contact AFFES.communications@ontario.ca to request being added to the mailing list

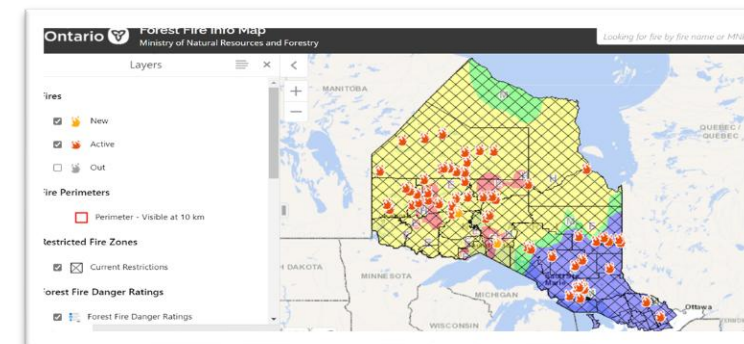
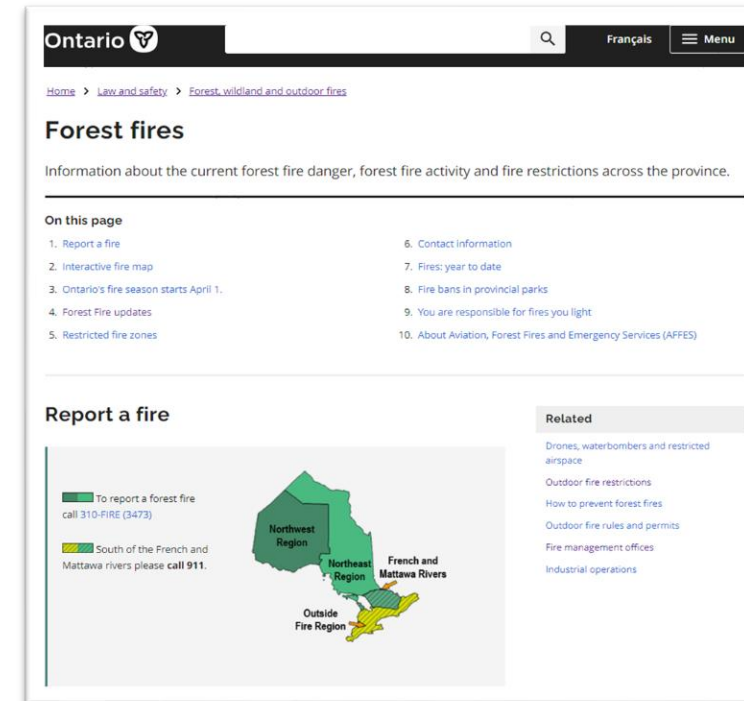
Smoke Information – General Predictions and Health Information

[Smoke Forecast - FireSmoke.ca](https://www.fireSmoke.ca)

[FireWork: National Wildfire Smoke Model - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://weather.gc.ca)

[Air Quality Health Index \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://weather.gc.ca)

[Forest Fire Smoke and Your Health - Emergency Management Branch - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires)



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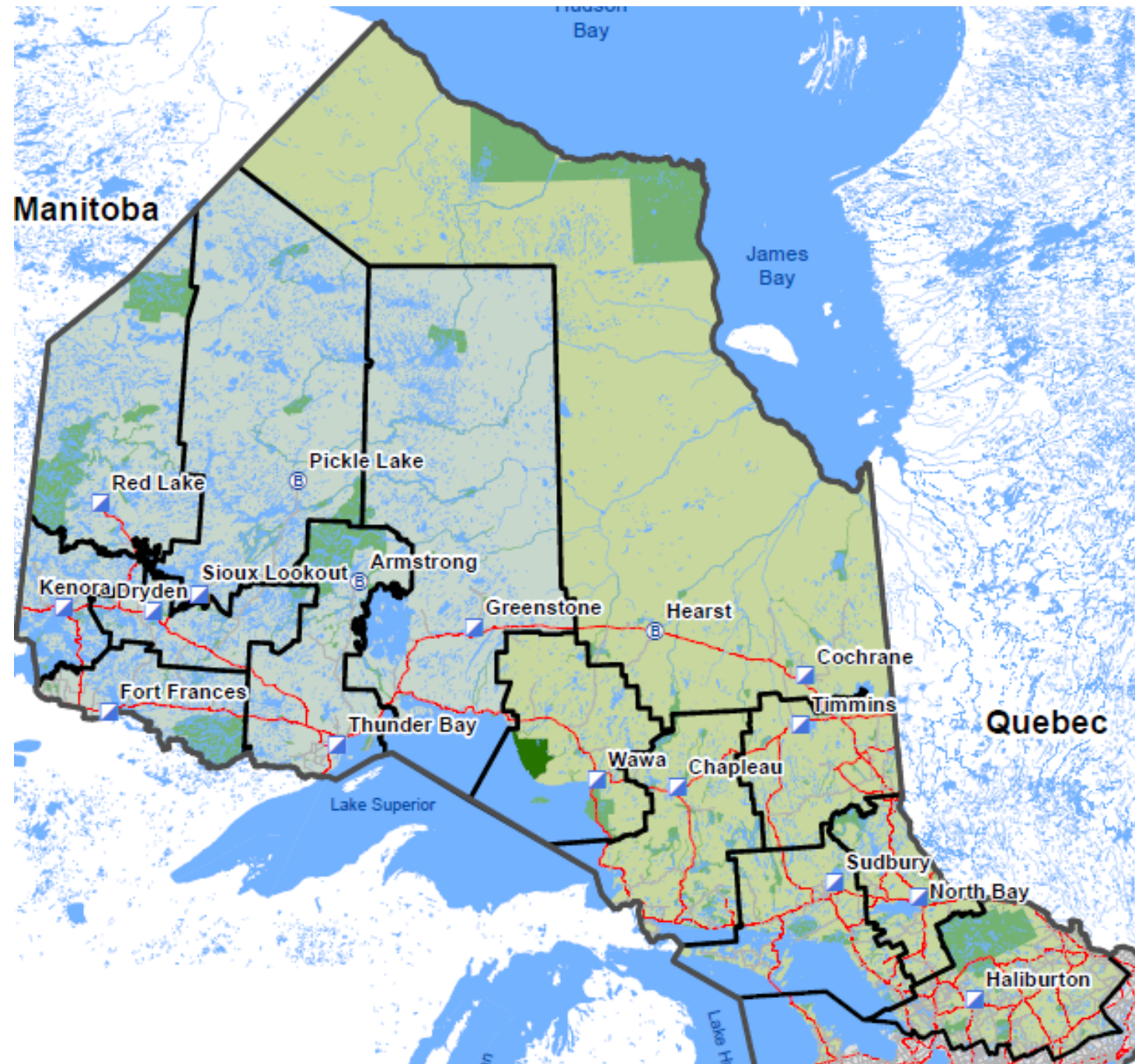
Regional Daily Situation Update

- AFFES' Fire Information Officers distribute a daily update during the fire season (April 1 to October 31)
- The update expands, and contracts based on the general level of fire activity and associated impacts.
- Provided for each fire region at the end of the day and includes: • New and active fires
- A description of the fire hazard and location
- An update on fires of note
- A description of prevention measures, if applicable

To subscribe to the Regional Daily Situation Update, please contact: AFFES.Communications@ontario.ca and describe your region of interest (Northwest or Northeast).

Fire Management Areas

- The 14 fire management areas are divided into 2 fire regions:
- Northwest Region:
 - Red Lake (RED)
 - Kenora (KEN)
 - Fort Frances (FOR)
 - Dryden (DRY)
 - Sioux Lookout (SLK)
 - Thunder Bay (THU)
 - Greenstone (GRE)
- Northeast Region:
 - Wawa (WAW)
 - Cochrane (COC)
 - Chapleau (CHA)
 - Timmins (TIM)
 - Sudbury (SUD)
 - North Bay (NOR)
 - Haliburton (HAL)



Northwest Fire Management Headquarter Contact Information

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Red Lake Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF P.O. Box 5003, Red Lake, ON P0V 2M0 Phone: 807-727-2000 Fax: 807-727-3182	Sioux Lookout Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF P.O. Box 309, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1A6 Phone: 807-737-1145 Fax: 807-737-3530	Thunder Bay Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 1580 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, ON P7K 1A6 Phone: 807-476-2200 Fax: 807-476-2312	

Northeast Fire Management Headquarter Contact Information

Chapleau Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 190-192 Cherry Street, Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0 Phone: 705-864-1710 Fax: 705-864-1376	Cochrane Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF Box 730, 2 Third Avenue, Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0 Phone: 705-272-7141 Fax: 705-272-7140	Haliburton Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 1204 Stanhope Airport Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Phone: 705-754-1902 Fax: 705-754-3297	North Bay Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 40 Voodoo Crescent, North Bay, ON P1C 0B7 Phone: 705-475-5551 Fax: 705-475-5559
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What the PEOC does

- **Staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year**
- Coordinates provincial supports and resources for the response to community emergencies and incidents, including evacuations.
- Can assist in facilitating the support to any requests for assistance from a community in response to an emergency or incident

Contact Us



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