



# FOREST FIRE UPDATE

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## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR **MAY 15, 2025** **KENORA 020/KENORA 014**

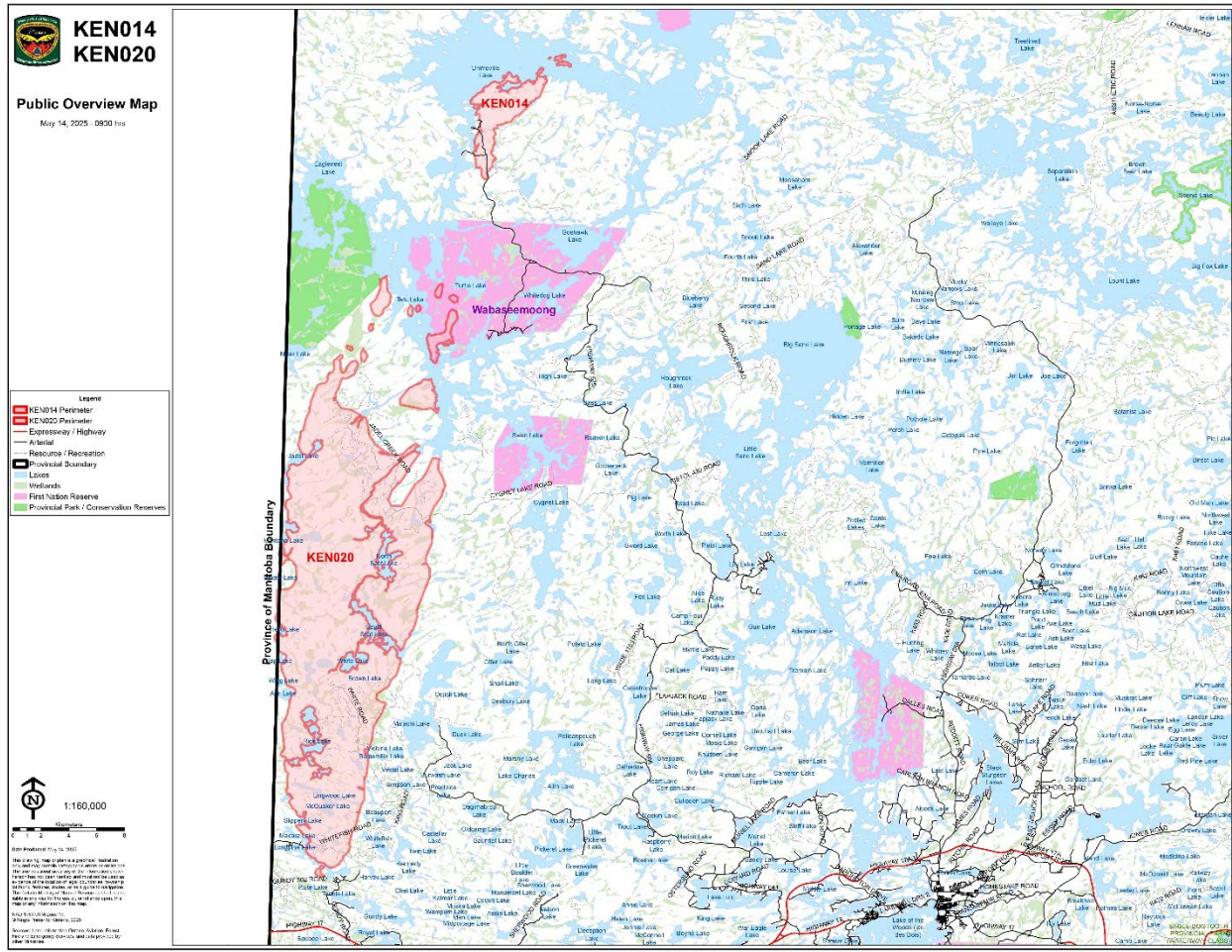


*An aerial view of Kenora 20 taken Monday, May 12, as it pushed north parallel to the Manitoba border. The fire has since travelled a distance of 43 kilometres from its origin point at Ingolf.*

### **Current Fire Situation - Kenora 20**

- Lighter winds on May 14 resulted in significantly less growth on Kenora 20 than in previous days.
- CL-415 waterbombers conducted air attack over sections of the fire which had approached to within 2.5 kilometres west of the community of Wabaseemoong overnight. The fire responded well to suppression efforts and the fire was kept out of the community.
- Several FireRanger crews were able to install 48 sprinkler kits on critical infrastructure and buildings nearest to the fire's edge.
- Structural protection work (sprinklers) will continue tomorrow as additional equipment arrives in Wabaseemoong.
- A shift to winds from the east will accompany an incoming weather system and is expected to push fire activity away from the community to the west.

- Air attack with waterbombers and helicopter bucketing also continued today near Ingolf, near the fire's point of origin. Five FireRanger crews maintained structural protection and established hoseline in the Longpine Lake and Macara Lake areas.
- A total of 13 helicopters are assigned to fires KEN 020 and KEN 014.
- A possible 15-20 mm of rainfall is expected late Thursday into Friday, which could temporarily moderate the extreme behaviour shown by KEN 020 and offer FireRanger crews a chance to establish themselves on the fireline.
- Kenora 020 is now approximately 23,281 hectares in size and is not under control.

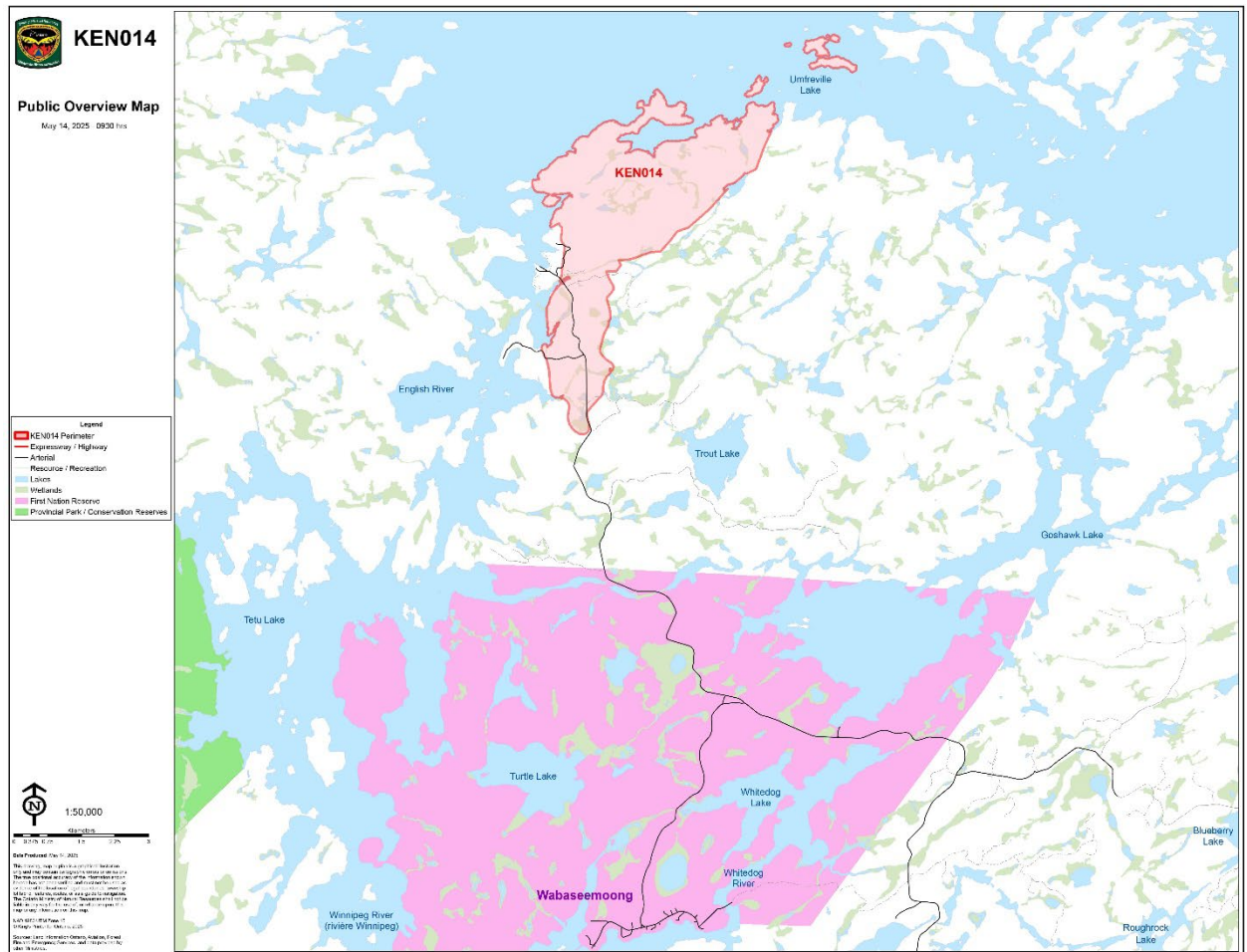


## Kenora 14

- Kenora 14 showed minimal growth on May 14
- The fire is currently 1,526 hectares and is not under control.
- Several of the fire's 14 assigned crews were re-tasked to perform structural protection yesterday in Wabaseemoong.



- Crews are well established on the western, south and southeastern aspects of the fire.

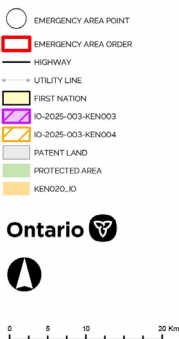


### Staying safe

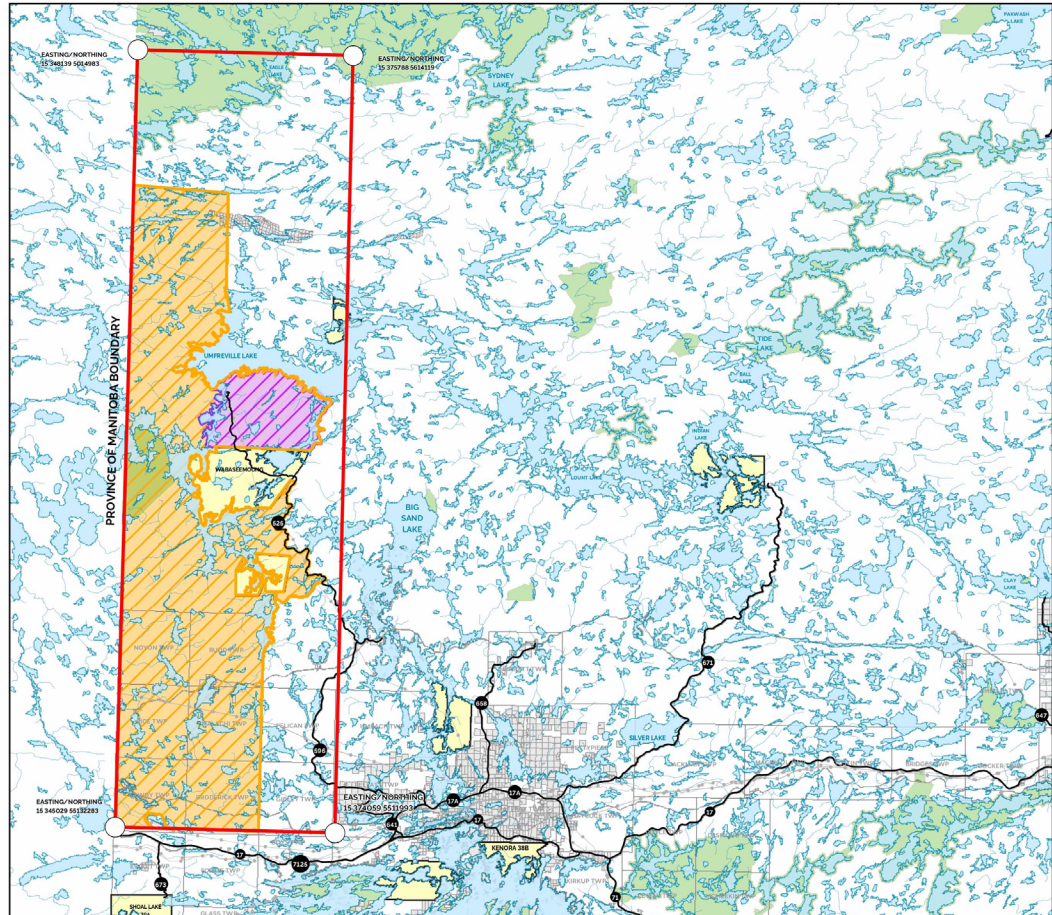
- Boaters are asked to be aware of aerial fire operations and to give scooping aircraft and bucketing helicopters lots of room to operate. If planes are in the area, stay close to shore.
- Forest fires are a No Drone Zone. Please help us keep air crew and our staff on the ground safe by avoiding the use of drones within 9 kilometres of a forest fire.
- With high and extreme fire hazard conditions in the area, please avoid grass burning activities in the community.
- For individuals interested in observing smoke forecasts they can use [FireSmoke.ca](https://www.fire-smoke.ca) to access current and smoke forecast conditions. Any individual concerned about health impacts of smoke can contact Telehealth Ontario at 811.

# Travel restrictions in fire areas

ONTARIO MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
**EMERGENCY AREA  
ORDER**  
IO-2025-003-KEN003  
IO-2025-003-KEN004  
KENORA DISTRICT  
NORTHWEST REGION



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## Evacuation Order of area

1. All persons must immediately evacuate the area indicated on the hatched section of the map unless authorized by a travel permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
2. All persons are prohibited from entering the area indicated on the attached map unless authorized by a travel permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

### KEN020

Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services has been advised that as recommended by the Ministry of Natural resources' Kenora District, an Implementation Order is now in effect for the purposes of public safety and/or effectual fire suppression, for areas near Kenora 20 Under the Emergency Area Order EAO 2025-03 declared on May 13, 2025.

- All travel and use of roads, including Gundy Road north of Tannis Lake, Pickerel Lake Road beyond the Pelicanpouch access point at km 9, and Cygnet Lake Road, is prohibited unless authorized by a travel permit.
- All use of lakes and waterways within the Area including the Winnipeg River below Whitedog Falls (UTM 15U 366399 5553102), Eaglenest Lake, Tetu Lake, Cygnet Lake, Rice Lake, Malachi Lake, Otter Lake, Macara lake, Longpine Lake, and Dagimabrop Lake is prohibited.
- All use and occupation of Crown Land, within the hatched area identified on the attached Implementation Order map (Schedule A), is prohibited.

#### **KEN014**

Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services has been advised that as recommended by the Ministry of Natural Resources' Kenora District, an Implementation Order is now in effect for the purposes of public safety and/or effectual fire suppression, for areas near Kenora 14 Under the Emergency Area Order EAO 2025-03 declared on May 13, 2025.

- All travel and use of roads, including Highway 525 at and beyond the northern boundary of Wabaseemoong First Nation, is prohibited unless authorized by a travel permit.
- All use of lakes and waterways within the English River system between Tetu Lake (UTM 15U 356895 5562897) and Umfreville Lake (UTM 358379 5570917) is prohibited.
- All use of lakes and waterways between Goshawk Lake (UTM 15U 371012 5562576) and Umfreville Lake (UTM 3712722 5570758) is prohibited.
- All use and occupation of Crown Land, within the hatched area identified on the attached Implementation Order map (Schedule A), is prohibited.
- See map for reference

## **Weather outlook – May 14-21**



### **Regional weather for May 15**

Unsettled conditions across the region for the day as a series of low-pressure systems moves from Manitoba into the NWR in the evening/overnight hours. Showers and a risk of thunderstorms will begin in the evening and continue into the overnight hours. Amount 5-15mm with additional amounts in local storms. Winds southeasterly/easterly 15-25km/h, gusting 30-40km/h. Temperatures in the mid teens to mid 20's.





*An Ontario FireRanger at work on Kenora 14.*

### **What we mean by 'Not Under Control'**

It's important to remember that a wildland fire's 'control status' does not necessarily reflect a fire's behaviour at a given time, but more a reflection on what stage the fire is at from its origins to being extinguished.

# Stages of Control

describing fire suppression



## 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.



## 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.



## Under Control

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



## 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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