



FOREST FIRE UPDATE

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR **MAY 28, 2025**
KENORA 020/KENORA 014



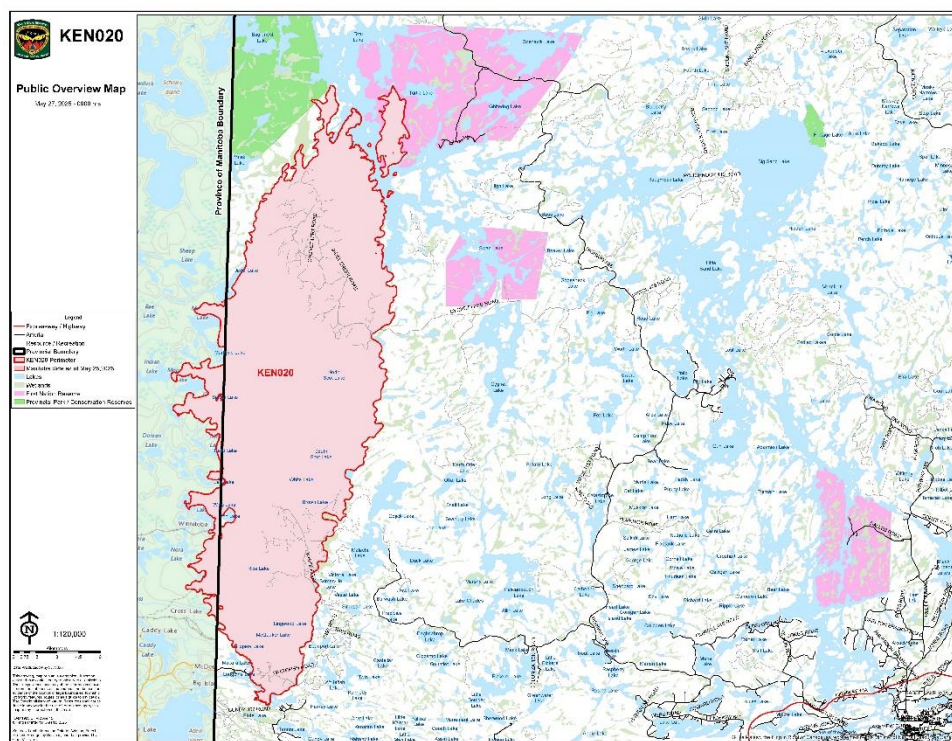
The eastern perimeter of Kenora 20 near Malachi Lake, May 27.

Current Fire Situation

- A total of 266 personnel are assigned to Kenora 20 and Kenora 14, comprising firefighters, overhead staff, flight crews and medics.
- A total of 15 helicopters are assigned to Kenora 20 and Kenora 14, with daily bucketing operations ongoing on hotspots.

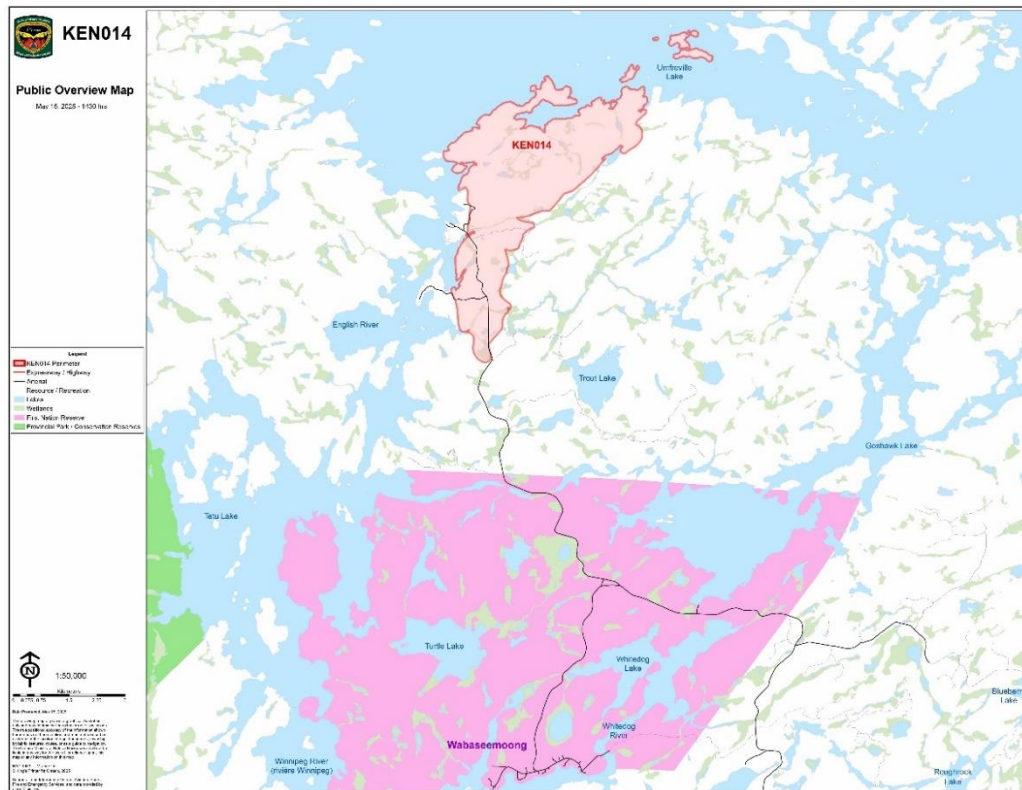
Kenora 20

- Kenora 20 is now measuring 32,014 hectares in size and is not under control.
- Smoke remains a concern, with increased levels expected to drift into the area from Manitoba fire EA061 and the western side of Kenora 20. This is due to a shift to westerly winds, which are forecasted to be stronger than those observed in recent days.
- Infrared scanning was completed overnight to identify priority areas.
- The most active fire behaviour continues to be observed on the western side of the fire, west of the Ontario–Manitoba border.
- Fire activity is lowest at the southern end, while the central division is holding the most heat.
- Crews are making steady progress working inward along the eastern perimeter, but further work is necessary to minimize potential for fire to spot over or breach existing lines as drying continues and winds shift.
- At the north end, crews are focussing on the eastern flank and the jump fire area near Wabaseemoong. One crew has been positioned to the western flank near Jadel Lake.
- With no recent rainfall, no significant precipitation in the forecast, and gradually rising temperatures, conditions in the area are extremely dry. The wildland fire hazard remains at an extreme level.



Kenora 14

- Kenora 14 is currently being held at 1,607 hectares in size.
- Crews continue to patrol and address priority areas; however, recent infrared scans have detected significantly fewer hotspots requiring action.



Date on map represents the most up-to-date fire perimeter.

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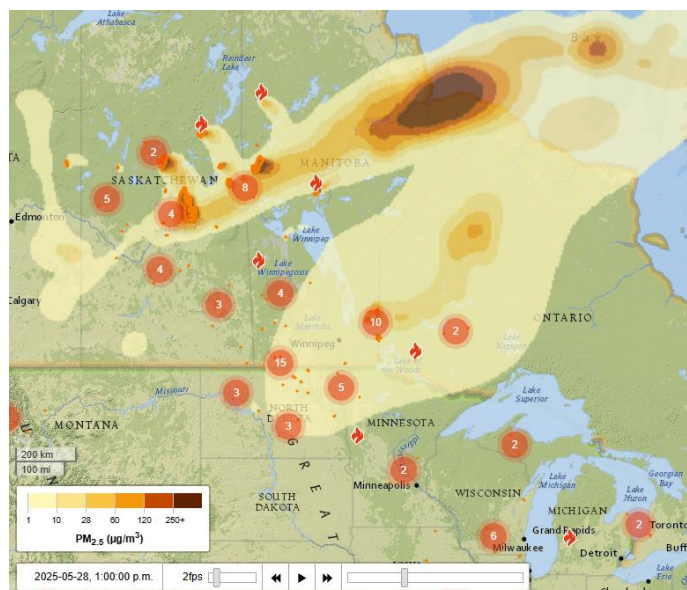
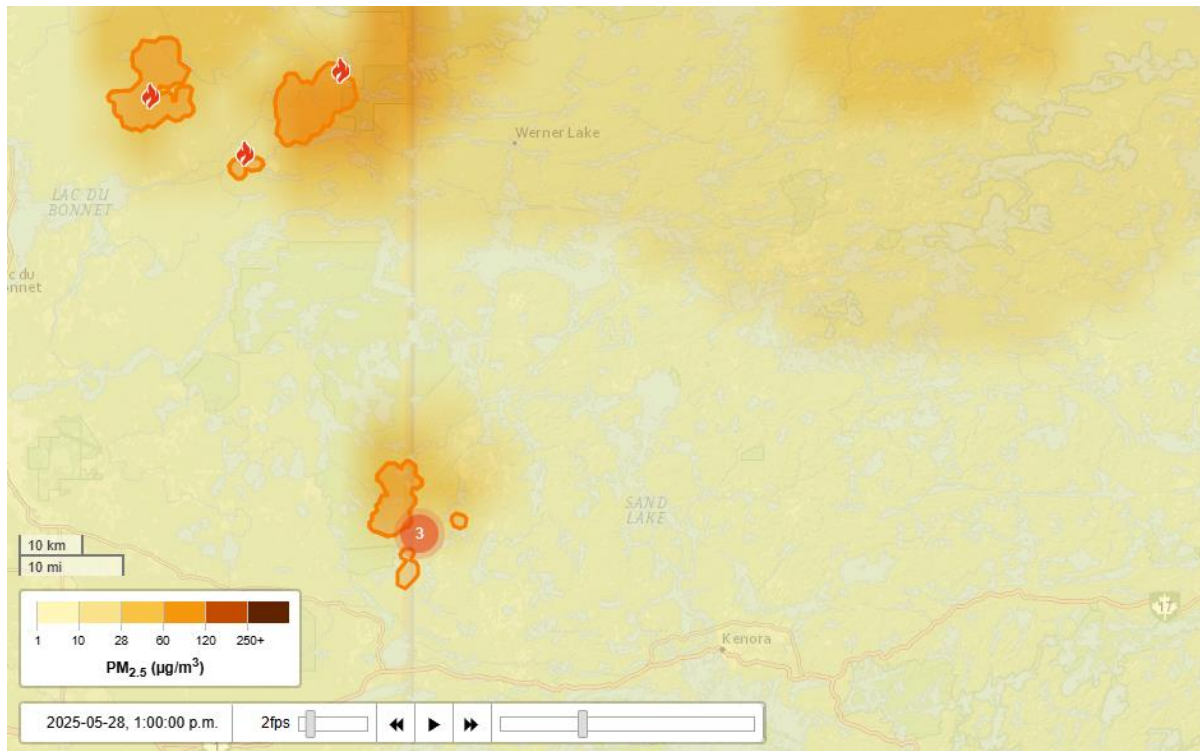
Kenora District IMT – Information Officer (road closures, travel restrictions)

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FireSmoke Canada

FireSmoke Canada is the Canadian portal for information about wildland fire weather and smoke. From here you can access interactive maps displaying smoke and fire weather forecasts. These tools and data help raise awareness and make decisions about air quality, health and safety and emergency management.

Communities may be impacted by smoke drift from nearby fires, or fires in other provinces. Visit [FireSmoke.ca](https://firesmoke.ca) to see the current smoke forecast.



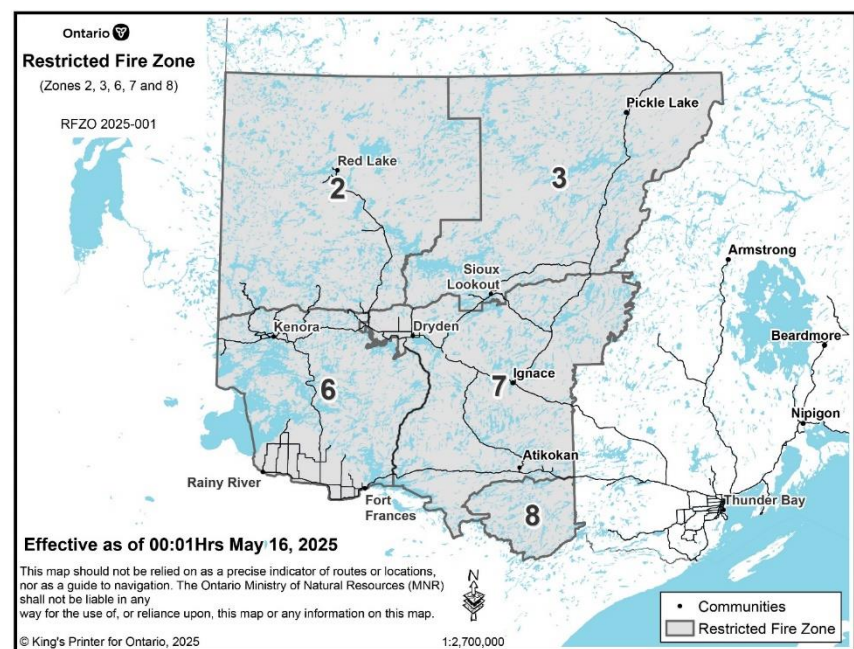
Weather outlook – May 28-June 4



Regional weather for May 28

Mostly sunny today with a few afternoon clouds. A surface trough will move through bring a weak westerly flow and there is some concerns about smoke blowing in from Manitoba to bring low air quality and uncertainty with temperatures and RH. Winds will be northwest to westerly at 5-10km/h with a few gusts near 20km/h. We could see some backing winds to the south briefly this evening before they return to the west near 10km/h overnight. RHs of 20-30%. High near 24°C.

Restricted Fire Zone in effect



Due to the extreme forest fire hazard, the Ministry of Natural Resources will be declaring a Restricted Fire Zone effective Friday, May 16 at 12:01 am local time for a portion of the Northwest Region (zones 2, 3, 6, 7, 8). The area impacted will be from the Southwest corner of the USA, Manitoba and Ontario border, North along the Manitoba border to West of the midway point of Weeskayjahk Ohtahzhoganeeng Provincial Park, East to North of Wabakimi Provincial Park, South along the Western border of Wabakimi Provincial Park to the Eastern border of Quetico Provincial Park until the USA border, then back West along the USA/Canada border to the Manitoba Border.

No open air burning, including campfires, is permitted within the boundaries of a Restricted Fire Zone. Portable gas or propane stoves may be used for cooking and warmth BUT must be handled with extreme caution. All burning permits are suspended. [Learn more about the fire restrictions here.](#)

Travel restrictions in fire areas

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.

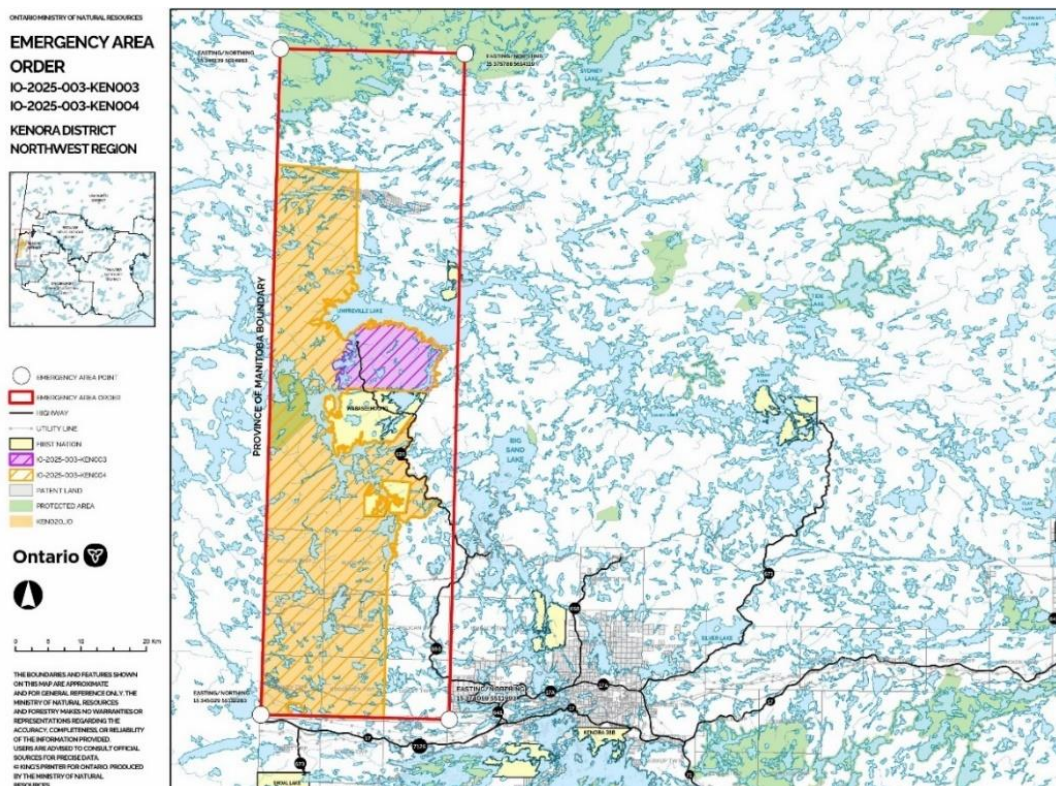
1. All travel and use of roads, including Gundy Road north of Tannis Lake, Pickerel Lake Road beyond the Pelicanpouch access point at km 9, and Cygnet Lake Road, is prohibited unless authorized by a travel permit.
2. All use of lakes and waterways within the Area including the Winnipeg River below Whitedog 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.

3. All use and occupation of Crown Land, within the hatched area identified on the above 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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. All use of lakes and waterways between Goshawk Lake (UTM 15U 371012 5562576) and Umfreville Lake (UTM 3712722 5570758) is prohibited.
4. All use and occupation of Crown Land, within the hatched area identified on the above Implementation Order map (Schedule A), is prohibited.



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View our interactive fire map

To view our interactive fire map - featuring active fires, fire perimeters, and detailed boundaries of the Restricted Fire Zone - please visit:

<https://www.liaapplications.lrc.gov.on.ca/ForestFireInformationMap/index.html?viewer=FFIM.FFIM>