



Information Bulletin

25WY - BUHL FIRE UPDATE: JULY 16, 2025, 10:15 CST

McPHEE LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN, July 16, 2025 –

There remains one (1) confirmed fire known as the Buhl Fire in Prince Albert National Park. The Buhl fire is estimated to be 37,787 hectares with 6838 hectares within park boundaries. It is currently 31 km from the townsite of Waskesiu and does not pose a threat to the community.

There are 48 personnel, 3 helicopters and heavy equipment responding. Yesterday, fire personnel successfully established access and cleared lines to Crean Lake for future holdings lines. They also continued work on a Cat line by Crean Lake to limit southerly fire spread. Fire personnel will continue to focus on limiting fire spread to the east and south today.

Crews will extinguish hotspots along the MacLennon River to limit fire spread east towards the community of Ramsay Bay. In addition, they will also complete the control line to Crean Lake and directly attack the southern portion of the fire to limit southerly spread.

Weather conditions are expected to lead to fire spread today with potential for spotting. The fire is out of control and has the potential to grow. While there is no immediate threat to public safety or McPhee, Waskesiu, or Elk Ridge, changes in weather and fire behaviour could put public safety at risk.

It is especially important to report all suspicious smoke or wildfires to 1(800)667-9660 or contact your closest SPSA Forest Protection Area Office.

Plan of Action

SPSA has set 2 incident trigger points:

1. **Trigger Point 1 – MacLennon River** – **IF** the fire reaches the MacLennon River McPhee, Waskesiu, and Elk Ridge will be advised to prepare to leave on short notice. Pack essentials such as water, food, medications, identification, chargers, cash, and important documents. Include items for pets. Keep your vehicle fueled. Seasonal residents will be asked to leave voluntarily at this time.
2. **Trigger Point 2 – Crean River** – **IF** the fire reaches Crean River – McPhee, Waskesiu, and Elk Ridge will be advised to leave. When the evacuation Order is enacted, you will **NOT** be able to return to your property. Security will be present to allow people to leave but not return. Thank you for respecting this.



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What Can I Do?

1. **Register for SaskAlert** - The main communication method for evacuations will be SaskAlert. SaskAlert is the Government of Saskatchewan's emergency public alerting program. This program sends alerts about emergencies in real-time so you can keep yourself, your family and your property safe. Please go to <https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/at-home/saskalert> for more information, to download the app, and register for SaskAlert.
2. **Register on the SPSA Evacuation App** once McPhee is added to the app. Please go to <https://app.saskecs.ca> to register.
3. **Contact the District Office** to register if you are not at your property or you leave. (306)982-2010.

Fire Ban

There is a fire ban in effect for all of the District of Lakeland No. 521.

Weather Forecast

The temperature today in McPhee is forecasted to be up to 24 degrees with no precipitation. Winds will be light but variable and have the potential to change. Conditions will remain warm and windy.

Smoky conditions often accompany wildfires and are expected throughout the region today. The direction and amount of smoke in an area depends on weather and changes in wind direction. 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.

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