



Information Bulletin

25WY - BUHL FIRE UPDATE: JULY 18, 2025, 12:00 CST

McPHEE LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN, July 18, 2025 – Parks Canada and [Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency](#) are operating under a Unified Command structure, ensuring a coordinated and collaborative approach to managing the incident and aligning operational objectives, resource sharing, and public communication.

The Buhl Fire, first identified on June 29, 2025, was caused by a lightning strike and has burned approximately 42,615 hectares – 8,470 hectares within park boundaries and 34,146 hectares on provincial Crown land. Current resources assigned to the incident include 96 personnel, 8 helicopters, and 12 pieces of heavy equipment.

There was no significant growth towards communities on July 17. Maps will be updated when there are significant changes to the perimeter of the fire. The fire is currently located:

- 9 km from Ramsay Bay
- 12 km from Montreal Lake Cree Nation
- 31 km from Waskesiu
- 32 km from Bittern Lake
- 35 km from Elk Ridge
- 38 km from McPhee Lake

While there is no immediate threat to public safety, due to extreme fire hazard conditions, the situation could change quickly. The fire remains out of control and changes in weather and fire behaviour could put public safety at risk.

It is especially important to report all suspicious smoke or wildfires to Weyakwin Protection Base at (306)663-5620.

Plan of Action

SPSA has set 2 incident trigger points:

1. **Trigger Point 1 – MacLennon River Area** – **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 Area** – **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 leave. (306)982-2010.

Fire Ban

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

Weather Forecast

Outlook for Friday will be partly cloudy south. North and east-central SK: mostly cloudy with showers and risk of thundershowers. Elsewhere: sun/cloud mix.

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.