



FOREST FIRE

Newsletter for June 29, 2023

Cochrane Fire Management Area – Wildland Fire Update



Picture of a hot spot taken on Cochrane 007

Cochrane's Weather Forecast

Tonight: Mainly cloudy with 40% chance of showers. Local smoke overnight. Low 14

Friday, June 30: Mainly cloudy with 60% chance of showers. Risk of thunderstorm in the afternoon. Local smoke. High 22.

Saturday, July 1st : Cloudy with 60% chance of showers. High 24.

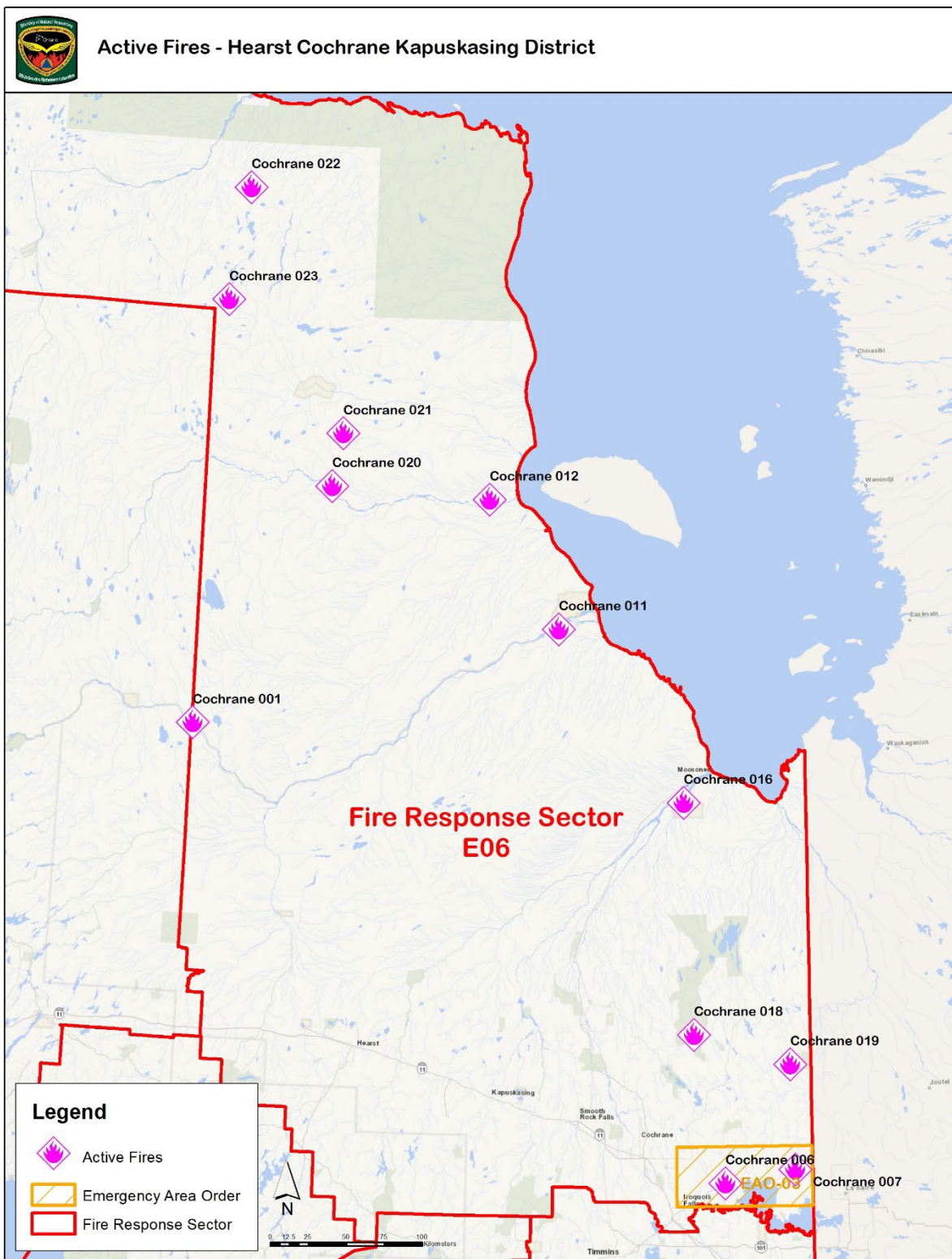
Current Fire Situation (map on next page):

There are currently 13 active fires in the Cochrane Fire Management Area:

- **Cochrane 001** is being observed and 150 hectares. The fire is located at Cochrane sector's west border
- **Cochrane 006** is under control at 1239 hectares.
- **Cochrane 007** is not under control and has been resized at 37 742 hectares. 8 FireRanger crews, helicopters and heavy equipment are assigned to this fire.
- **Cochrane 011** is now being held at 805 hectares. The fire has not spread further towards the community of Fort Albany.
- **Cochrane 012** is under control at 68.2 hectares approximately 8km west of Attawapiskat.
- **Cochrane 016** is now under control with a size of 7.5 hectares.
- **Cochrane 018** is under control at 6.1 hectares.
- **Cochrane 019** is not under control and has been resized at 580 hectares.
- **Cochrane 020** is being observed and is 1470 hectares in size.
- **Cochrane 021** is being observed and is 18.3 hectares in size.
- **Cochrane 022** was confirmed on June 29th. The fire is being observed and is 70 hectares.
- **Cochrane 023** was confirmed on June 29th. The fire is being observed and is 95.1 hectares.
- **Cochrane 024** was confirmed on June 29th. The fire is being observed and is 766 hectares.

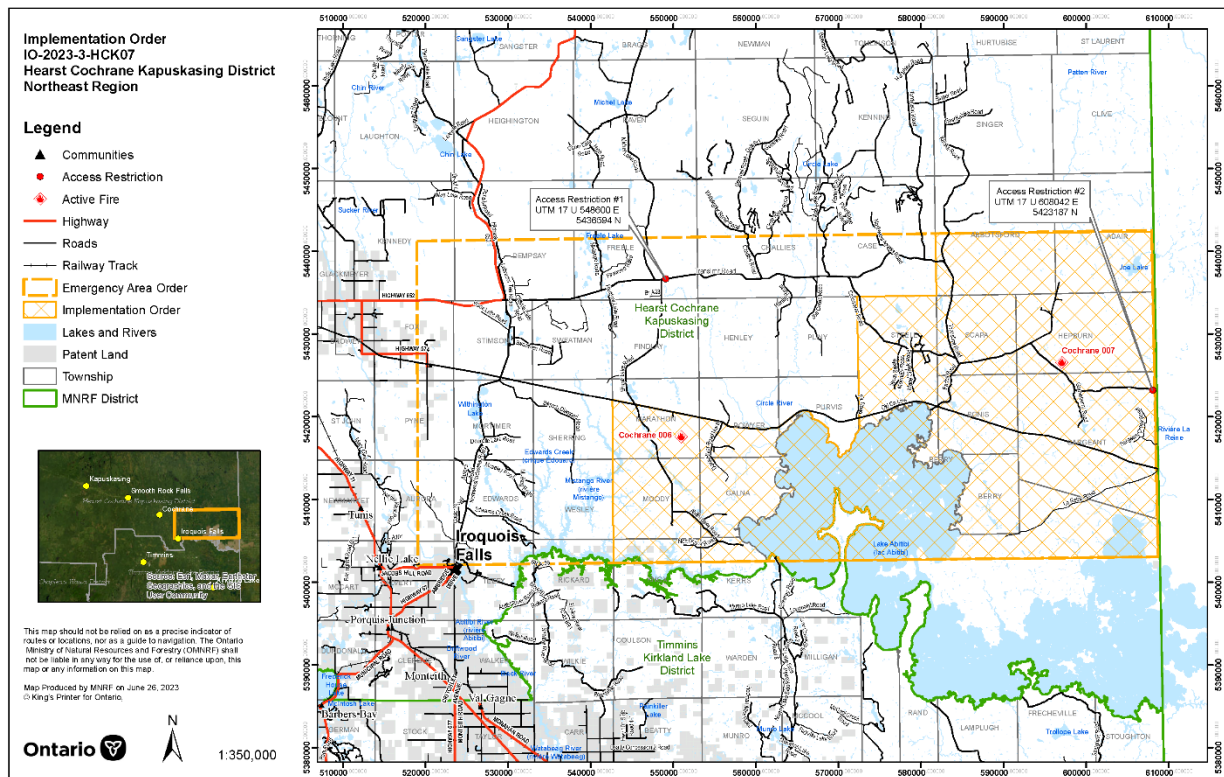
To see the Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services interactive map of all active fires as well as forest fire updates and travel, use, and access restrictions, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.

- Our interactive map is updated in real times and visually shows active fires, current fire danger across the province as well as restricted fire zones in effect.



Active Fires Map 1

Travel, use, and access Restrictions in the MNRF Hearst-Cochrane-Kapuskasing District:



Implementation Order Map 1

Under the Emergency Area Order (EAO 2023-03) effective June 5, 2023, the MNRF, Hearst-Cochrane-Kapuskasing District has put in an Implementation Order to protect public safety and to facilitate effective fire suppression. The following restrictions listed below and as outlined on the Implementation Order are now in effect until further notice:

1. All travel and use of the Translimit Road and Crossover Roads between the Translimit-Bingle Road junction at UTM Zone 17 E 548600 N 5436594 to the Ontario-Quebec border at UTM Zone 17 E 608042 N 5423187;
2. All use and occupation of Crown Land and roads within Marathon Township and Bowyer Township south of the former CN Rail Line;
3. All use and occupation of Crown Land and roads within the following townships: Moody, Galna, Knox, Kerrs, Steele, Berry, Sergeant, Bonis, Scapa, Hepburn, Abbotsford, Adair

For more information on these restrictions, see the [Implementation Order Map](#). If you have any questions or require travel permits, please contact the Hearst-Cochrane-Kapuskasing District office at [705-272-7178](tel:705-272-7178) or by email mnrf.coc@ontario.ca

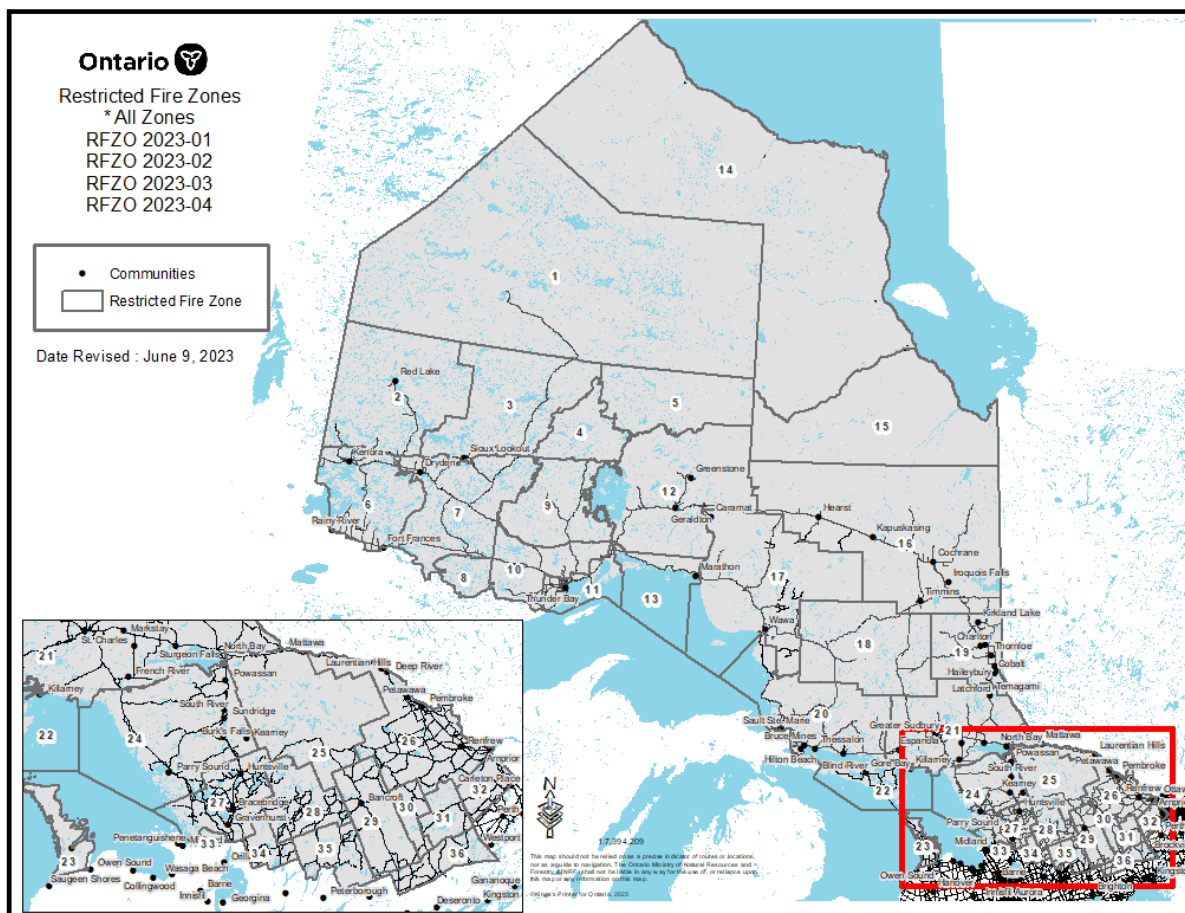
Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)

Due to the extreme forest fire hazard, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has declared a Restricted Fire Zone for the entire fire region of Ontario (Zones 1 to 36).

The Restricted Fire Zone is in effect until further notice. Restricted Fire Zones help protect public safety. Open air burning, including campfires, is not 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. Visit [Ontario.ca/forest fire](https://ontario.ca/forest-fire) for more details and follow us on Twitter @ONforestfires.

To learn more about what is permitted and not permitted in a Restricted Fire Zone, visit [Outdoor fire restrictions | ontario.ca](https://outdoorfirerestrictions.ontario.ca)

This order is required to reduce the number of new human-caused wildfires as we are expecting the hazard to increase into the foreseeable future, along with the potential for problematic fires to exist.



Restricted Fire Zone Map 1

Notice to Airmen (NOTAM)

A reminder that NOTAMs remain in place surrounding all active forest fires.

NOTICE TO AIRMEN

RESTRICTED AIRSPACE AROUND FOREST FIRES



Notice to Airmen. Section 601.15 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) states that the airspace around forest fires is restricted to forest fire suppression aircraft only.

It is unlawful to operate any aircraft over a forest fire or within 5 NM / 10 km of a wildland fire at an altitude less than 3000 ft AGL. This includes private planes and UAVs.

Aircraft could interfere with low flying water bombers or helicopters and endanger the safety of pilots and crew.

Pilots are reminded that NOTAMs concerning forest fires can be found in the FIR (Flight Information Region) section when flight planning.

Do you know how to prepare for wildfire smoke events?

You can do many things to prepare yourself and your home for wildfire smoke events.

Checklist for wildfire smoke season preparedness:

- Are you or is someone in your family at risk for wildfire smoke health effects?
- Do you have an adequate supply of medications?
- Do you have an adequate supply of food and water?
- Have you replaced or cleaned your air filters in your ventilation system or portable air purifier?
- Do you know where you can go to take a break from the smoke?
- Do you know where to find information about local air quality conditions?
- Do you know the emergency number for your local health authority?

Protecting your indoor air

It's important that the air you breathe inside your home is clean, especially if you have to stay inside due to wildfire events. You can prepare your home by finding ways to keep the wildfire smoke out and to keep indoor air clean.

Prevent wildfire smoke from entering your home by:

- properly sealing windows and doors, and keeping them closed when the temperature is comfortable
- installing the best quality air filter that your ventilation system can handle based on manufacturers' recommendations
- ensuring you have at least one functioning carbon monoxide alarm in your home

Protect the air in your home by:

- using a certified portable air purifier to filter particles from wildfire smoke
- There are many models available. Learn more [about choosing a portable air cleaner](#) that's appropriate for your needs.
- ensuring you have at least one functioning carbon monoxide alarm in your home
- having air conditioning and humidification/dehumidification capabilities present (maintain humidity levels between 30 and 50%)
- reducing [sources of indoor air pollution](#)

To find more information on protecting your indoor air when your outdoor air is poor, visit:

- [sheltering at home](#)
- [improving indoor air quality](#)
- [protecting your indoor air from outdoor pollutants](#)

Information gathered from: [Government of Canada – Wildfire smoke, air quality and your health](#)

Contact Numbers and Online Information

For more information about the fire situation in the Cochrane area, call the Cochrane Fire Information Officer: 705-272-7189

For more information about travel restrictions and travel permits: 705-272-7178

For general information about the fire situation, call the Northeast Region Forest Fire Information Hotline: 1-888-220-7242

For information about highway closures: 5-1-1

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