Active Forest Fires

**Media Inquiries:** This page provides up-to-date information on forest fires. For additional information not available on this page, please contact the Provincial Forest Fire Duty Officer from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily at 709.632.1153.

### Forest Fire Activity Data

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<th>General Location</th>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Fire Number</th>
<th>Start Date</th>
<th>Estimated Size ha / km²</th>
<th>Fire Status</th>
<th>Resources Assigned</th>
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<td>LA</td>
<td>614</td>
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<th>Fires Recorded as of</th>
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<th>Area Size ha / km²</th>
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<td>July 20, 2023</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>21878.4 (218.784 km²)</td>
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**Comments**

**Definitions**

**Fire Status:**

The Fire Status is an indication of the fire's current condition and is categorized as Out of Control (O/C), Contained (C), or Under Control (U/C)

- **Out-of-Control (O/C):** A wildfire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action such that the perimeter spread is not being contained.
- **Contained (with percentage) (C):** With currently committed resources, sufficient action has been taken to prevent fire spread beyond existing or predetermined boundaries on a percentage of the fire based on prevailing and forecasted conditions.
● Under Control (UC): A wildfire having received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.
● Out (O): Having been extinguished.

Hot Spot:
A small area of smouldering or glowing combustion, which may be exhibiting smoke, located on or within the wildfire perimeter; a term commonly used during the mop-up stage of a fire.

Hectare (ha.):
The hectare is the metric unit of area measurement and can be considered in the following ways:

- 1 hectare = 100 metres by 100 metres or 0.01 km²
- 1 hectare = 2.47 acres

Estimated Size: The size or area of a fire is usually just an estimate until after the fire is extinguished and can be properly measured. An accurate measurement is often difficult due to the smoke that can accompany a large active fire. A fire can end up being much bigger, or much smaller than originally estimated.

Full Response Fire: A wildfire which requires immediate, aggressive initial attack and/or sustained suppression action until the fire is declared out.

Modified Response Fire: A wildfire that is managed using a combination of suppression techniques, including direct and indirect attack as well as monitoring to steer, contain or otherwise manage fire activity within a predetermined perimeter such that costs and/or damage are minimized and/or benefits from the fire are maximized.

Monitored Response Fire: A wildfire that is observed and assessed to determine the response option required to minimize social disruption and/or significant value and resource impacts while achieving beneficial ecological, economic or resource management objectives.