



# FOREST FIRE

August 17, 2018 – 8:00am

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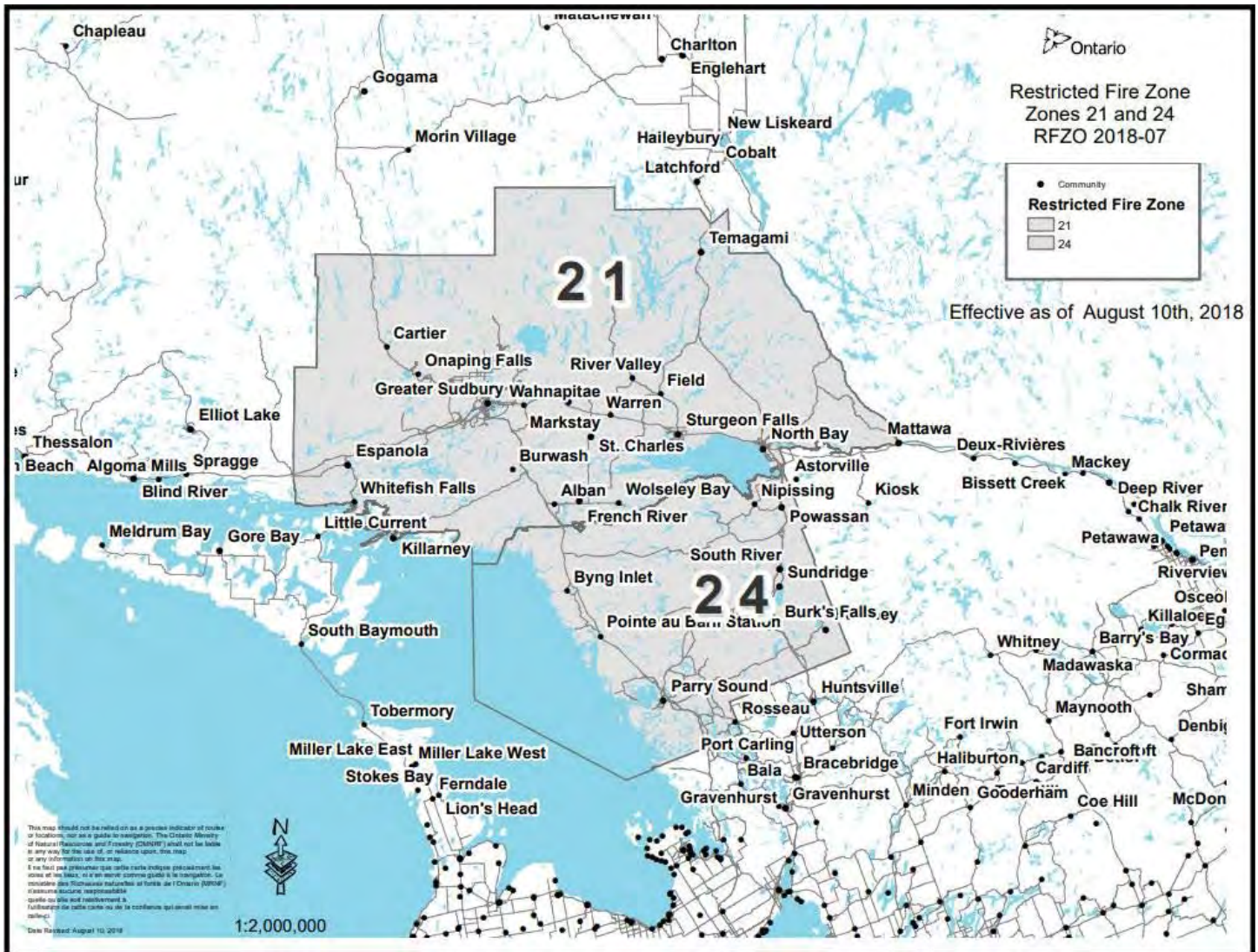
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## Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- Parry Sound Fire 033 was first recorded July 18, 2018.
- The fire remains approx. 11,362 hectares in size and is categorized as Being Held.
- The Incident Command Post (ICP) is set up at the Royal Canadian Legion in Britt. The ICP and the building are closed to the public.
- All waterway and road restrictions have been lifted effective 18:00hr (6:00pm) EST on August 15, 2018.
- The fire perimeter remains restricted which means you cannot go into the fire. Any person violating this restriction is subject to enforcement action. We are keeping a close eye on the fire perimeter. Please do not enter the fire perimeter for any reason.
- There is still a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) in place over the fire for aircraft.
- MNRF still has over 132 FireRangers on the ground actioning the remaining hot spots in a coordinated and prioritized manner.
- Visit [Ontario.ca/forestfire](http://Ontario.ca/forestfire) for everything you need to know about forest fires in Ontario.

# The Restricted Fire Zone Remains in Place.

A Restricted Fire Zone remains in effect for some areas north of Rosseau, northwest to Espanola and Cartier, over to the Quebec border including Temagami and Mattawa north of the Mattawa River. This includes Parry Sound, Burk's Falls, Powassan, North Bay and Greater Sudbury. Below is a visual representation of the areas affected by the current RFZ. This is also available using the interactive map [Ontario.ca/forestfire](https://www.ontario.ca/forestfire).



If you live in an area outside the RFZ, be sure before you burn to check with your local municipality to ensure there's no fire ban issued in your area.

Visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> for more information.

## Tips on how to be FireSmart

- Shore lunch and campfires are responsible for wildfires every year. Everyone is reminded that they must tend their fires at all times, making sure to put them dead out before leaving. If it is windy, the risk of a wildfire is high – don't burn!
- People who plan on burning grass, brush or other wood debris should consider composting or taking material to landfill sites instead. Each spring, grass fires get out of control and cause needless damage to barns, homes and cottages.
- Planning to use fireworks this weekend? Under the [Forest Fires Prevention Act \(FFPA\)](#), any person who sets off fireworks is responsible to ensure any hot residue from the discharge of fireworks is extinguished. There may also be municipal by-laws in place regarding the use of fireworks.
- Residents are reminded of their responsibilities under the FFPA. All forest fires are investigated to determine the cause, and a person can be held responsible for the costs of extinguishing or property damage incurred by a forest fire.
- Residents within organized municipalities should check with local fire departments or municipal offices for any burning restrictions in their area.



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