



FOREST FIRE

August 18, 2018 – 8:00am

Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- The Restricted Fire Zone remains in place and is actively being enforced. Conservation officers have responded to calls in the last few days about people having campfires.
- The forest is exceptionally dry even with the bit of rain we received on August 17, 2018.
- It will take a prolonged rain event to truly alleviate the dry conditions in the area of Parry Sound Fire 033.
- The fire remains approx. 11,362 hectares in size and is categorized as Being Held.
- 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.
- Visit Ontario.ca/forestfire for everything you need to know about forest fires in Ontario.

**RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE
ZONE DE RESTRICTION DES FEUX**



Demobilization of the Incident Management Team and Incident Command Post for Parry Sound Fire 033

There comes a point in time with every project fire where the Incident Management Team (IMT) transitions off of the fire and hands it over to the local Fire Management Headquarters (FMH). We are nearing that time for Parry Sound Fire 033.

We anticipate that by the end of day Monday, August 20, 2018 the IMT will exit the community of Britt quietly and head back our home locations for some days off. Within days the staging area and base camp will be fully decommissioned and all equipment brought back to the Sudbury FMH. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 591 in Britt will return to the community after serving as the Incident Command Post for almost four weeks.

Next week, an Incident Commander from Sudbury FMH and four Type 1 FireRanger crews will maintain a presence on Parry Sound 033. You will still see helicopters flying over the fire and there will be people on the ground working within the fire perimeter.

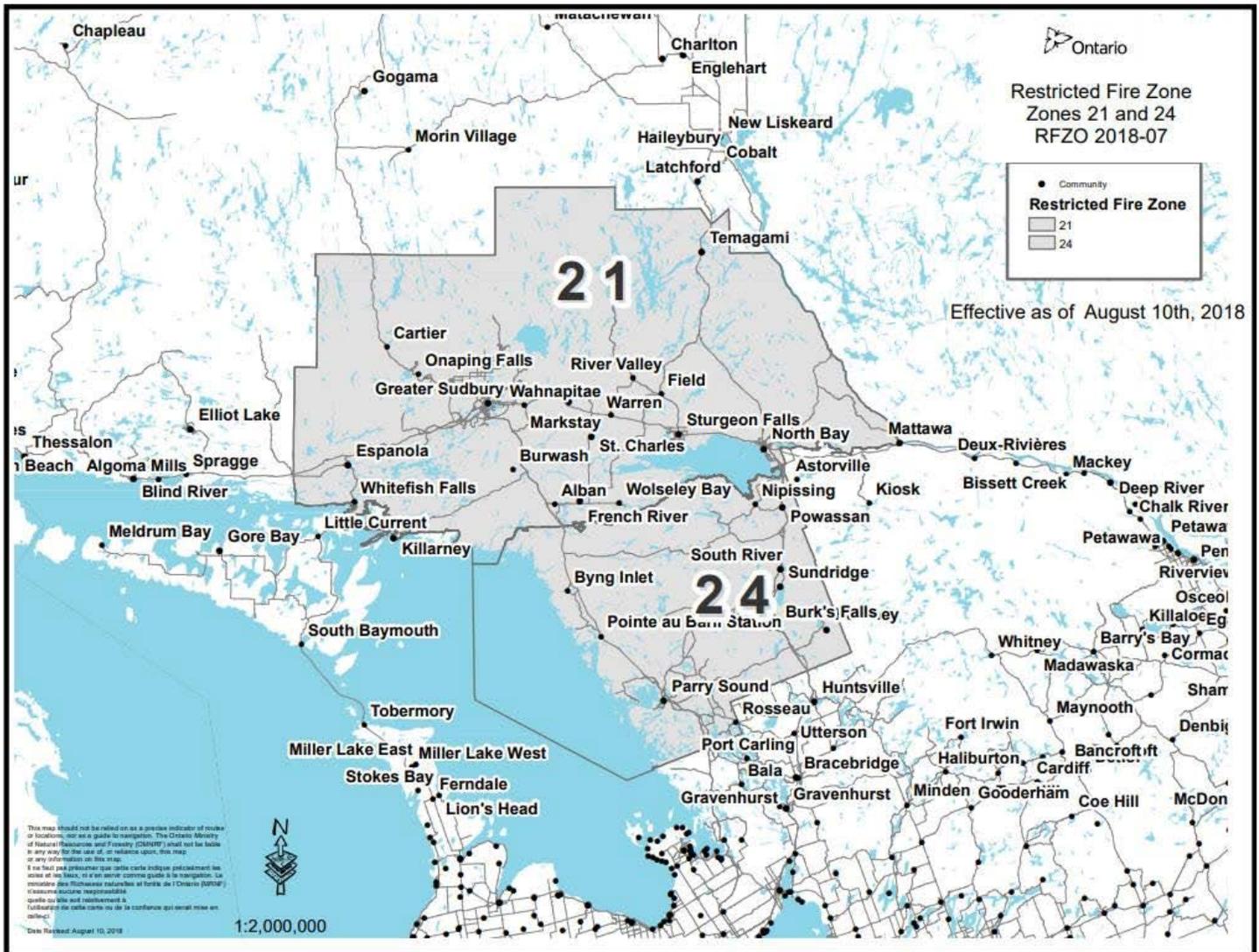
The final newsletter will be issued Monday, August 20, 2018. After that updates about Parry Sound Fire 033 will be available online at ontario.ca/forestfire and ontario.ca/incendiedeforet.

Smoke

Over the next few weeks it's quite reasonable to expect to smell, and perhaps see, smoke in the evenings and morning. There are many green islands within the fire perimeter that will continue to smoulder, in fact some areas of the fire will smoulder until there is a large rain event or the snow falls. Fire that is smouldering in mixed wood (conifer and deciduous forest) or along a swamp will create a fair bit of smoke, possibly even a small column. The important thing to know is that this is in the interior of the fire, not along the perimeter. The green islands within the fire perimeter will burn themselves out with time; they will not spread far and will not breach the perimeter that has been established.

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.