



FOREST FIRE

August 19, 2018 – 8:00am

Parry Sound 33 Fire Update

- The Restricted Fire Zone remains in place and is actively being enforced.
- As mentioned yesterday, by the end of day Monday, August 20, 2018 the Incident Management Team (IMT) will have left the community of Britt and transitioned all operations back to the Sudbury Fire Management Headquarters (FMH).
- If you happen to find any stray pieces of equipment accidentally left behind by the MNRF, please drop it off at Key Harbour Lodge and we will arrange to pick it up.
- The fire perimeter will remain restricted for quite some time to follow. This means you cannot go into the fire. Any person violating this restriction is subject to enforcement action.
- 40 Mexican FireRangers were brought in from the fireline August 18th and are headed home after a successful deployment. The Quebec FireRangers that were assigned to this fire all went home on August 17th.

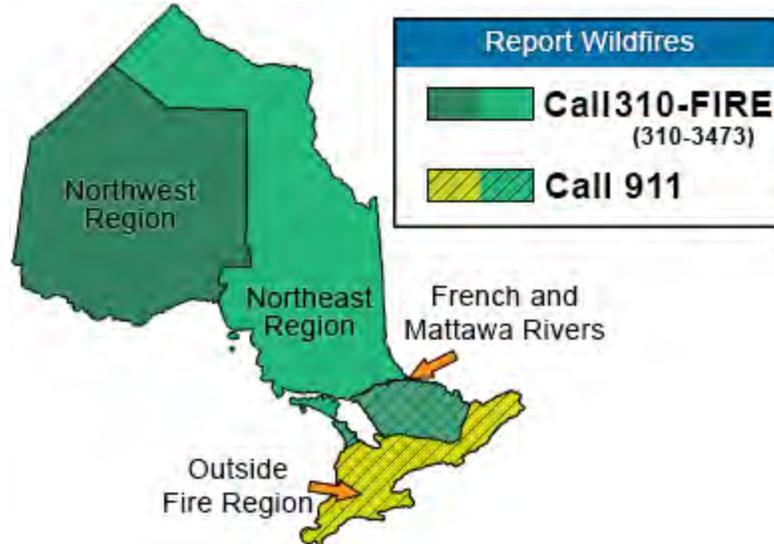


Smoke

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 public does not need to report smokes or hot spots that are within the perimeter of Parry Sound Fire 033. These areas have been mapped and are being scanned by infrared. Ministry staff are well aware of where the hottest areas of the fire are and will action them as appropriate.

To report a **NEW** forest fire, follow the directions in the illustration below.



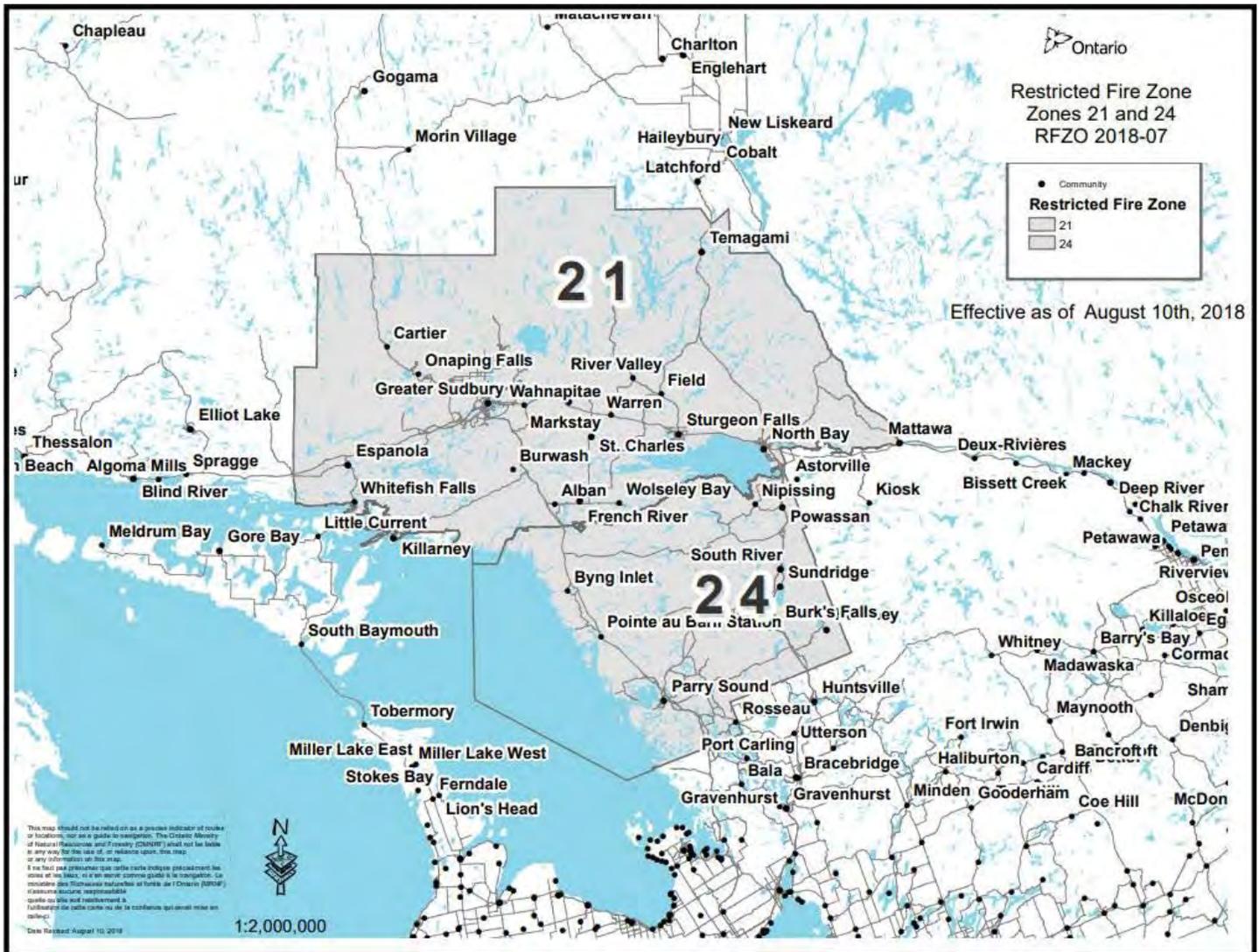
Information Resources

Keep informed of the forest fire situation in Ontario, including updates on Parry Sound Fire 033, by following the Ontario fire program online at ontario.ca/forestfire and ontario.ca/incendiedeforet. We are also on Twitter @ONforestfires and @ONfeudeforet. The MNRF is on Facebook so 'like' us at [Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources](https://www.facebook.com/ontario.mnr).

Don't have internet at camp and prefer to talk to someone? Call us 705-564-6165

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.