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LONG LAKE WILDFIRES COMPLEX

Still Burns Out Of Control

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USPA NEWS - There are four stages of a wildfire: out of control, being held, under control, and extinguished. Evacuation decisions are not necessarily tied to the wildfire's status. Although good progress is being made on the Long Lake wildfire, its status remains out of control.

The Long Lake wildfires complex remains out of control, spanning approximately 8,468 hectares. No additional damage has been reported. Re-entry for certain evacuees begins today; visit https://annapoliscounty.ca.

Crews are finalizing work on the northern end of the fire, having established robust protections in this area. Aircraft will provide ongoing monitoring for any changes that may necessitate crews to return and ensure the protection of structures.

Crews and machinery are being redeployed to the fire's southern end to construct additional dozer guards and protective measures. Aircraft are discharging large quantities of water in this area.

As of 17:00, September 3, 2025, Highway 10 in Annapolis County has been fully reopened, with barriers removed. Residents evacuated from areas near Trout Lake and Albany Cross are authorized to return home. However, residents are advised to inspect properties for damage before re-entry. With the wildfire remaining out-of-control, returned evacuees should stay prepared to evacuate again if fire behavior changes. The southern end of the fire is currently the most active area.

According to the latest forecast, the fire weather index is expected to be Extreme in Annapolis, Lunenburg, Hants, and Shelburne Counties, while a Very High rating applies to Kings, Digby, Queens, Cumberland, Yarmouth, and Colchester County.

Firefighting Efforts include 10 helicopters, 4 planes, and a bird dog that are currently engaged in firefighting operations. A total of 170 firefighters from multiple regions are participating, consisting of: 4 Department of Natural Resources (DNR), 61 personnel from Ontario 40 personnel from Quebec, and 65 local firefighters. About 50 pieces of heavy machinery are being used to construct dozer guards and protective measures.

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