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PUBLIC UPDATE Re: Forest fire southwest of Ignace

ISSUED TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 @ 1:20 p.m.

- On Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:14 pm., the Township of Ignace was informed of a forest fire southwest of Ignace.
- The Emergency Response Group immediately went into action to notify residents to be prepared in case an evacuation was needed.
- At 9:00 p.m., the Emergency Response Group met to discuss the situation, with representatives from the Township, Ignace Fire Department, MNR, OPP, and Mary Berglund Health Centre present.
- Mayor Baigrie declared a **FIRE BAN IN IGNACE** as of 9:42 p.m.
- The Emergency Response Group met again on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- **THERE IS NO IMMINENT THREAT OF EVACUATION, but residents are reminded to be prepared** with wallet, ID, important documents, medications, etc. packed and ready to go in case of emergency.
- In case evacuation is required, the primary route would be west to Dryden, as there is another forest fire and dense smoke near Upsala.
- There are two forest fires southwest of Ignace: Dryden 28 on the south side of Nora Lake and Dryden 36 on the north side of Nora Lake, approximately 23 km away from town.
- The fire was approximately 280 ha as of Tuesday at 12:00 noon. MNR is currently creating a map of the perimeter.
- MNR has two helicopters, a water bomber, and three fire crews on the ground. Emergency equipment will be staged in Ignace and deployed to the site.
- **THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED TO STAY OFF BACK ROADS AND STAY AWAY FROM THE FIRE!** Water bombers will not drop water if any people or vehicles are visible from the sky.
- The winds are blowing the fire away from Ignace, and precipitation is in the forecast for Thursday and Friday.
- **DO NOT CALL 911** for updates about the fire. **Watch the Township Facebook page and website or call Ontario 211.**
- The Emergency Response Group will meet again at 6:00 p.m. tonight, and Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Watch for updates.