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PUBLIC UPDATE Re: Forest fire southwest of Ignace

ISSUED TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 @ 6:55 p.m.

- There are two forest fires still burning southwest of Ignace: Dryden 28 on the south side of Nora Lake and Dryden 36 on the north side of Nora Lake, approximately 18 km away from town at its closest point.
- MNR reports that there was an aggressive response by dedicated firefighters with good fire response today.
- Dryden 36 on the north side of Nora Lake is approximately 300 ha and has now spread east of the power line. Plumes were visible from burning slash piles, but the exposed mineral soil from the cut line is creating a fire break.
- 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.
- Resources have begun to arrive from out of province and will assist fighting fires across Northwestern Ontario as needed.
- **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.
- We are expecting favourable weather conditions. The winds are blowing the fire away from Ignace, and precipitation is in the forecast for Thursday and Friday.
- A smaller fire, Dryden 39, started east of Ignace on the north side of Hwy. 17 this afternoon. It is approximately 2 ha and fire crews are trying to extinguish it before it spreads. Two crews were on site today, but are expected to be deployed back to the Dryden 36 site on Wednesday.
- Mayor Baigrie declared a **FIRE BAN IN IGNACE** on Monday, July 13 at 9:42 p.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.
- **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 Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Watch for updates.