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Long Lake Fire Still Out Of Control

Strong Progress Being Made

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USPA NEWS - Monday, September 8th. The Long Lake/West Dalhousie wildfire remains classified as out of control this morning; however, progress continues.
The images interspersed below, as relayed by the Department of Natural Resources, convey the 4 stages of a wildfire .

Firefighting personnel will continue to concentrate on advancing inward from the fire's perimeter today, supported by air resources and under a local state of emergency. The overnight rainfall, while limited, has augmented ongoing suppression efforts.

Fire departments across Lunenburg County have been officially stood down. A total of 24 departments from the county assisted, contributing to the overall province-wide response of 77 departments.

Today, Monday,(afternoon) September 8th, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is anticipated to provide a update.

DNR explained:
The Long Lake wildfires complex is currently assessed at 8,468 hectares. We are pleased to announce that the fire is now being held, indicating it is unlikely to grow or move unless conditions change. While it remains uncontrolled, it has reached a stable state. However, it could still expand if conditions change.

There are no new reports of damage. Residents whose properties are outside the active wildfire zone will be permitted to return home tomorrow.

Yesterday's rainfall was a welcome relief, but it did not generate enough moisture to extinguish the fire. Firefighters are advancing from the perimeter inward to contain the fire.

Resources presently on hand encompass 11 helicopters, four planes with a bird dog, about 10 pieces of heavy equipment, 40 Department of Natural Resources firefighters, 18 from Ontario and 60 from Quebec, together with support staff.

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