

House River fire closes in on hamlet

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The massive forest fire in northern Alberta has surrounded the hamlet of Conklin on three sides.

Most residents were moved from the area Monday, but 15 households were allowed to remain, along with firefighting crews.

They are practicing evacuation drills as the House River fire moves closer. It's now between eight and 10 kilometers away.

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The fire service says it would take two hours for the blaze to take over if the wind blows in the wrong direction.

More gusting winds are expected to continue pushing the sprawling blaze east. It has already devastated 140,000 hectares.



Cattle near Redwater

Further south, a stubborn brush fire, which destroyed three homes near the town of Redwater, is now under control.