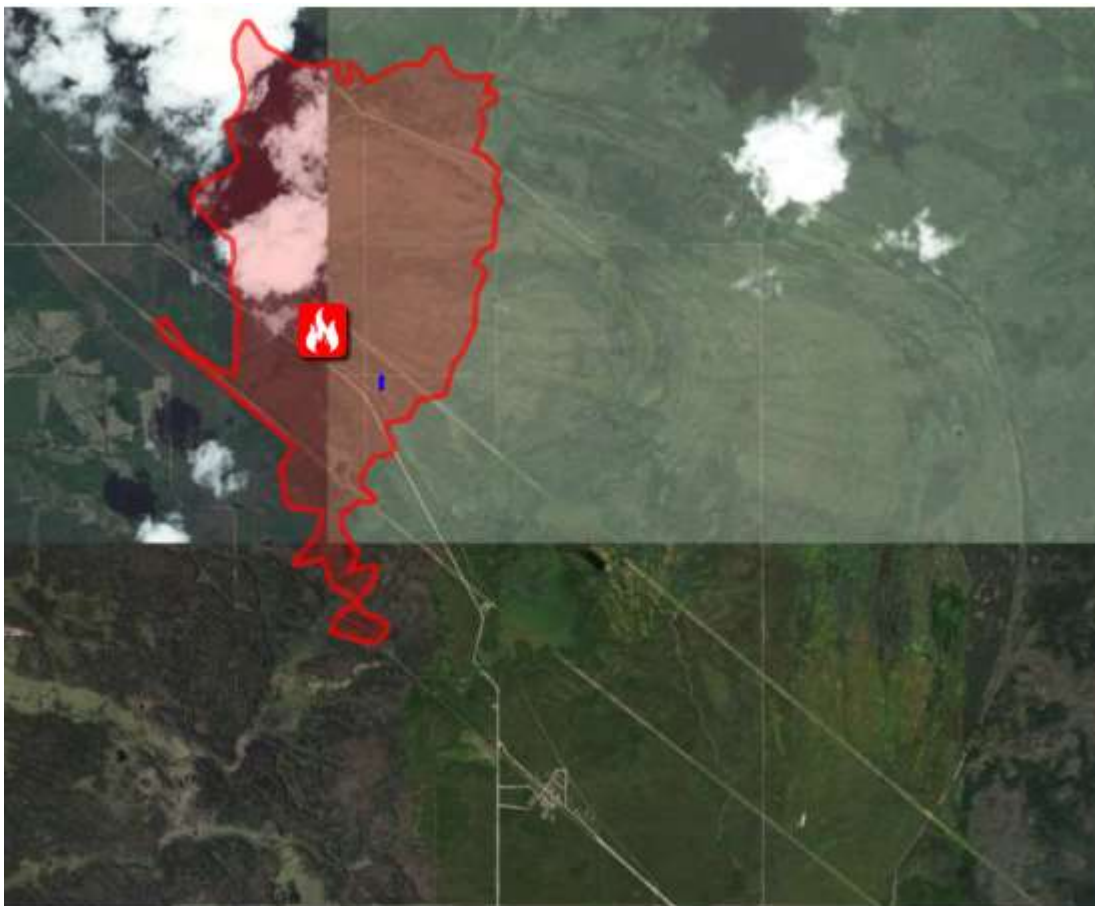




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Update #2
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The Rural Municipality (RM) of Piney is currently working with Manitoba Emergency Management Organization, Manitoba Sustainable Development and the Office of the Fire Commissioner in coordinating firefighting efforts in the Carrick, Badger and Florze area. The following is the most current information available through the RM of Piney Emergency Operations Centre (Vassar, MB) as of 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 1st.



(Provided by Manitoba Sustainable Development's FireView 2018 website map)

- The RM of Piney's State of Emergency order will remain in effect until conditions warrant lifting the order. The order is in place to prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or

welfare of persons located within the boundaries of the RM and to prevent damage to property within those boundaries.

- Fire# EA015 (RM of Piney fire) has burned a large area and consumed approximately 3,500 hectares of forested land.
- No evacuations have taken place.
- Rain and cool conditions have slowed the fires progress and will assist Manitoba Sustainable Development's efforts to control the fire and protect property.
- The RM of Piney Fire Service continues to provide valuable assistance by monitoring developments in the fire activity. Equipment continues to be allocated to the protection of assets within the area of threat by the fire.
- The Emergency Operations Centre has and will continue to be in contact with representatives from the Badger Emergency Preparedness Team and property owner's within the affected area of the fire.
- Manitoba Sustainable Development has issued a LEVEL 1 FIRE AND TRAVEL RESTRICTION for all motorized vehicles including ATVs, dirt bikes, etc. on all back country roads from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. effective immediately and until further notice.
- A COMPLETE BURN BAN is in effect. There are no fires permitted in the RM of Piney including burn barrels, fire pits and open fires. The Burn Ban will be in effect until further notice.
- The Office of the Fire Commissioner remains onsite in Badger to provide assistance with Value Protection.
- For safety reasons, individuals are asked not to travel in the area. Please refrain from travelling any back roads and fire guard roads to take pictures or videos or to observe the firefighting activity. Hwy 203 is still closed between Badger and Carrick.

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