



## BANFF NATIONAL PARK

UPDATE

# FIRE INFORMATION



## Ya Ha Tinda Prescribed Fire Summary 2009

Fire operations at the Ya Ha Tinda Prescribed Fire are complete for 2009 and there is no longer active fire in the area. Under challenging conditions, Parks Canada worked cooperatively with the Province of Alberta in an effort to achieve prescribed fire objectives and subsequently respond to an escaped fire this spring at the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch. Thanks to the efforts of the ranch staff, fire personnel from across Parks Canada and the Clearwater district, the fire was contained with no structures lost.

While the fire moved beyond the area that was planned for this year, it predominately moved into prescribed fire units planned for future years. In these areas fire managers were able to achieve fire restoration objectives that will contribute to:

- A reduction in susceptible mountain pine beetle habitat;
- The restoration of vegetation types characteristic of pre-suppression landscapes and;
- A landscape level firebreak.

### What you need to know:

- Prescribed fire operations are finished for this year at the Ya Ha Tinda Prescribed Fire and there is no longer active fire in the area.
- While all closures have been lifted, users are reminded to enter burned areas with caution as fire-weakened trees and ash pits may be present.
- Parks Canada and the Province of Alberta will continue their collaborative efforts on this multi-year project in the coming years.

### Burned Area Summary (in hectares)

Area burned within 2009 Unit	243
Area burned within other prescribed fire units	1331
Area burned outside of prescribed fire units	279



*An airtanker flies over the fire area during efforts to contain an escaped fire at the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch.  
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### For More Information

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