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Update on the Fire near the Sleeping Giant

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The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management through the Forest Department continues to monitor the fire near the Sleeping Giant mountain range on the Hummingbird Highway. High capacity and high photography resolution drones are continuously being utilized for aerial reconnaissance.

The area impacted by the fire that continues to smoke and smoulder has increased in size up to Wednesday, June 23, at 3:00 p.m. The ministry is concerned about the escalation and potential impact and threat on the forest ecosystem and, therefore, is considering the use of aerial firefighting support to extinguish the fire. The public is assured that the fire poses no threat to human life, settlements, or infrastructure.

The ministry will continue to monitor the situation and provide another update on Friday, June 25.

Ends



Image 1: Picture taken on June 17th, 2021



Image 2: Picture taken on June 23rd, 2021