



Wildland Fire Updates

Jun 17, 2013
 Last Updated: 9:15 pm

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 Report Fires: 911
 AFS/DOF Public Affairs: (907) 356-5511

Future updates will be provided when significant changes in activity occur.

9:15 PM Update - New Fire Off of Chena Hot Springs Road

Our call volume in the Fire Information Office is heavy and we are working to keep up. If you do not reach us initially, please call back.

The Kaouti Fire started at approximately 5:30 p.m. on June 17 at approximately Mile 17 Chena Hot Springs Road. No evacuations have been ordered at this time for the Kaouti Fire. No structures have been lost. The fire is estimated to be 35 acres.

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the fire. Pilots are advised to check NOTAMS. People who aren't in the area are advised to stay out of the area as firefighters and equipment are at work.

As of 9:15 p.m. firefighters and aircraft have made progress on knocking down the fire. Traffic can be expected to be delayed along Chena Hot Springs, and traffic is restricted in some areas. Protecting life and property is the priority, and firefighters will also be working to restore traffic flow along the road as soon as possible.

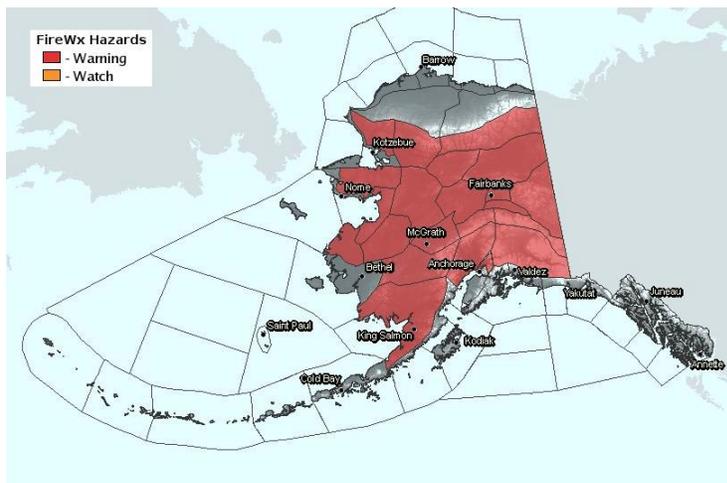
Red Flag Warnings

Red Flag Warnings continue to expand across the state. A Red Flag Warning means that conditions are occurring, or will occur, which could lead to the development of large and dangerous wildfires. Human-caused starts are of major concern given the low potential for lightning forecasted. More information about the warnings is available at:

<http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>.

Fire Activity

Warm dry temperatures are forecasted for much of the state through the week. While wildland fire managers are paying close attention to lightning forecasts, the



most probable source of dangerous fire potential continues to be human activities. South Central, the Copper River Basin, and the Kenai Peninsula are very dry. Please use caution with anything that could start a fire and adhere to Alaska Division of Forestry burn permit guidelines and suspensions for debris burning. More information on debris burning is available at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>. Fire information officer staffing has changed as fires have demobilized; if you need general statewide fire information, please call 907-356-5511.

North Fork Chandalar Fire #245

Smokejumpers and aircraft responded to a fire reported by local residents from Venetie on June 16. The human-caused fire initially was five acres but has grown to 48 acres. The aircraft assigned to the fire dropped retardant and water on the fire that was burning in black spruce and willow. The Fort Yukon T EFF crew was also assigned to the fire.



Fairbanks and nearby areas

Decomposing wood chips and organic debris continues to burn within the Yukon Training Area. Personnel will begin work to extinguish the fire in Test Area 3 (Lower right). Tactical adjustments are being discussed for Test Area 2. Smoke may be visible from Eielson AFB, Two Rivers, North Pole, Salcha area and Alaska Hwy 2. The smoke generated from this process may last throughout the summer.

UPDATE Old Valdez Trail Fire #248 –

Across Richardson Highway from Harding Lake (between Orchid and Valdez Trail roads)

The fire size has been updated to 20 acres as of June 17. Three fire crews (Chena Hotshots, White Mountain Type 2 Initial Attack, Fairbanks #1 EFF) are currently assigned with another on order (Fairbanks #2 EFF) for today. Crews are working to contain the fire which is burning in hardwoods with a spruce understory and is in steep terrain. The fire was highly visible on June 16 when it started.

UPDATE Lime Hills Fire #144 –

Approximately 12 miles north of Lime Village

The 12,363-acre lightning caused fire has the Gannett Glacier Type 2 Initial Attack and Midnight Sun Hotshots assigned. The crews are working on a contingency line north of Lime Village and burn out operations will be used to remove interior pockets of fuel and along the Swift River. The objective is to hold the fire south of the Swift River and north of the Stoney River.

Fire Information

As of today, according to the AICC a total of 222 fires have burned 65,434 acres statewide this year. Refer to AICC Situation Report for additional information: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>. Fire-related news releases are posted at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.

Information Gathering/Additional References

www.inciweb.nwcg.gov

www.twitter.com

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: @BLM_AFS

Alaska Division of Forestry account: @AK_Forestry

Bureau of Land Management account: @BLMAlaska

National Park Service account: @AlaskaNPS

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: @USFWSAlaska

Alaska Fire Consortium: @AKfirescience

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Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
 - Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>

- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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