



Wildland Fire Updates

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Last Updated: 12:15 p.m.

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

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

6/20 – The Alaska Fire Situation

One June 19, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Predictive Services issued a Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory for all of Alaska, excluding the coastal areas and panhandle. Record heat and dry fuels for much of Alaska producing record-setting fire spread potential and rapidly rising resistance to suppression efforts across boreal spruce and tussock tundra fuels. Read more <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf>.

Red Flag Warnings continue across the state for low humidity. A Red Flag Warning means that conditions are occurring, or will occur, which could lead to the development of large and dangerous wildfires. More information about the warnings is available at: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>.



Human-caused fires continue to be of major concern especially due to lightning in the forecast. Alaskan agencies are supplementing firefighting resources and are prepared to address the situation, though multiple fire starts, no matter what the cause, could lead to resource shortages. Alaska has added additional air tankers (including water scooping, and retardant), smokejumpers, helicopters (including the Canadian Rappattack helirappellers crew), and over head to its existing firefighting forces. A task force of engines is also being assembled and will include U.S Forest Service, Division of Forestry, and cooperator engines. They will be available for

statewide initial attack. In general, it is crucial that rapid response occur on new fires that require response. *Photo/ Aircraft staged at Mat-Su Forestry in Palmer, by Bruce Smith.*

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>.

Alaskans are asked to be proactive and consider emergency planning measures. Information about emergency planning can be found in the Wildland Fire Guide at http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/Alaska_Wildland_Fire_Guide_2013.pdf on page 7.

6/20 – Fire Information

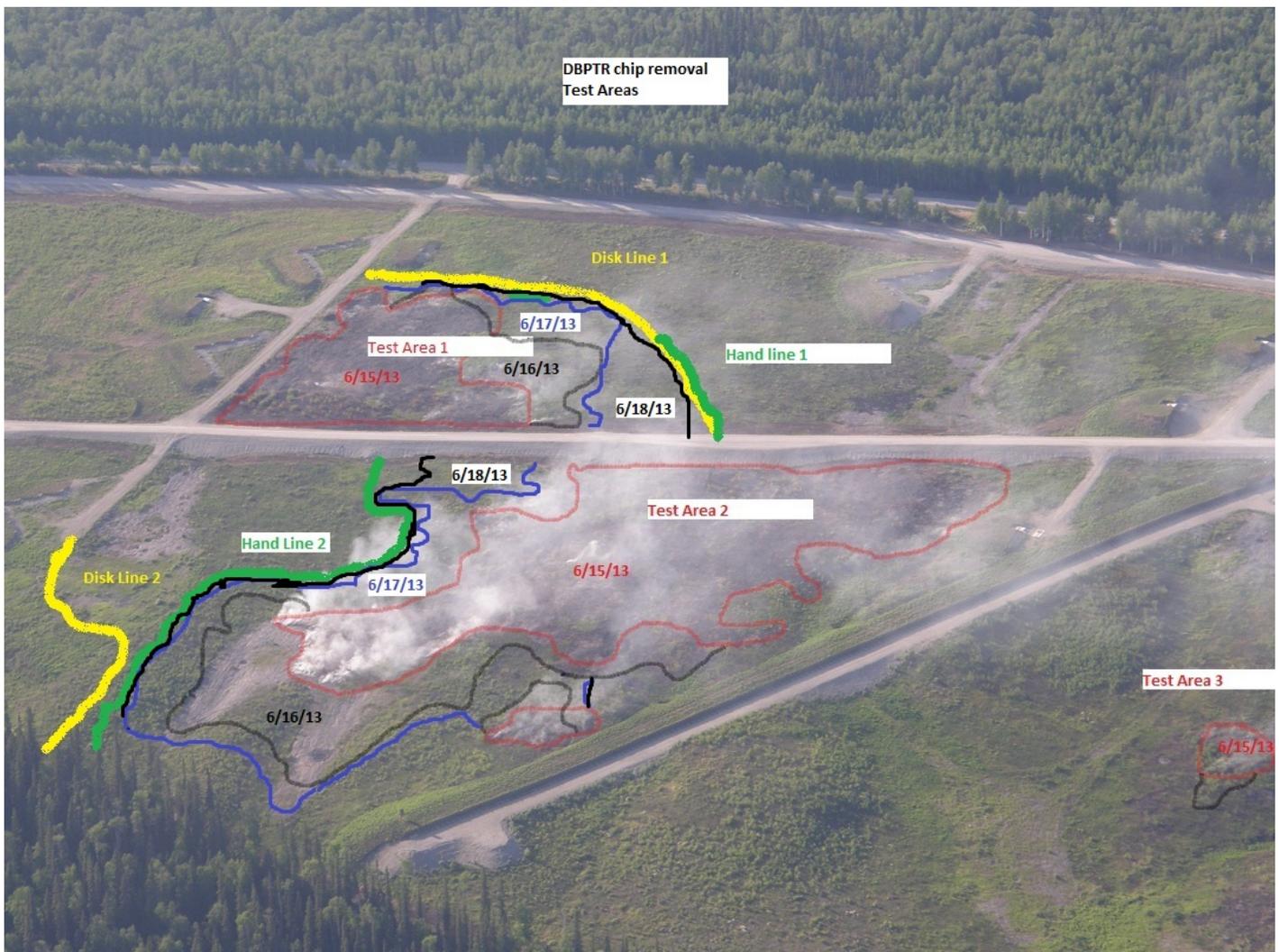
It is expected to be another hot, dry day and conditions could change quickly and new fires can start. The primary source for fire information will continue to be <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>.

The Alaska Situation Report has information about individual fires <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and a map is available at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>. As of today, according to the AICC a total of 245 fires have burned 258,829 acres statewide this year. Fire-related news releases are posted at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.

You may also call the Alaska Fire Service/Division of Forestry combined Fire Information Office at 907-356-5511. If we get new fire starts and the call volume is heavy, please keep calling back if you do not initially reach us. Southwest Alaska also has a Public Information Officer in place at 907-524-0060. Information about the Chisana River Fire, which is highly visible from the Yukon Territory and into Alaska, is available at <http://inciweb.org/incident/3440/>. Information about fires burning on National Park Service lands throughout Alaska is provided at <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>.

6/19 - Fairbanks and nearby areas

Fort Wainwright Fire Department, Fort Wainwright Range Control, and AFS fire personnel were able to improve containment lines around the test areas to deal with the hot and dry conditions. 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.



Information Gathering/Additional References

www.inciweb.nwcg.gov

www.twitter.com

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**

www.facebook.com

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: **BLM Alaska Fire Service**

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**

www.youtube.com

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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