



# Wildland Fire Updates

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Last Updated: 5:00 a.m.

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

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

## 6/28 Highway and Wildland Fire Smoke Information

**Skinny's Road Fire:** Starting at 5:30 p.m., Friday, June 28, the pilot car shuttle distance on the Parks Highway between Fairbanks and Nenana will be reduced from 27 miles to 10 miles. The controlled area will now be between Milepost 322 on the south end and Milepost 332 on the north end, according to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

**Travelers on the Parks Highway should expect lengthy delays; pilot cars are being used to take travelers through the fire-affected area.** Information about the Skinny's Road Fire will be updated at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3456/>.

Fires in the Tok Area are visible, but otherwise not an impact, to the Alaska Highway.

In general, in areas where smoke impacts roadways, motorists are asked to use caution, slow down, and drive with their headlights on. Information on travel conditions and fire-related road closures can be found at <http://511.alaska.gov>.

Smoke from numerous fires burning statewide is visible throughout much of the state, but more dense in close proximity to fires. Keep informed of local fire information sources and air quality reports. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has smoke information at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm> and <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/smokemain.htm>. For "Frequently Asked Questions" visit [http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke\\_qa.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke_qa.htm). Smoke in the Tanana Valley is due to fires in closer proximity to Fairbanks, including the Skinny's Road Fire, which is approximately 1,400 acres. In addition to causing traffic delays, smoke is hindering the fire community in logistical efforts, such as the movement of firefighters and delivery of supplies to fires.

## 6/28 Fire Information

According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, **118 fires are active statewide**; the two largest fires are in the southwest area and include Lime Hills (219,280 acres) and Moore Creek (159,009 acres). A total of 389 fires have burned 703,084 acres so far this year; 25 fires are staffed.

If you are looking for more detailed fire-related information, please refer to the following:

- Situation Report (information about individual fires) <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- Maps <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- News Releases <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>

- Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Guide (includes information about emergency preparedness and post-fire conditions on p. 7, wildland fire smoke, and more) [http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/Alaska\\_Wildland\\_Fire\\_Guide\\_2013.pdf](http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/Alaska_Wildland_Fire_Guide_2013.pdf)

BLM Alaska Fire Service/Division of Forestry combined Fire Information Office at **907-356-5511**. *If call volume is heavy, please keep calling back if you do not initially reach us.*

Fire information for **southwest Alaska**: 907-524-0063

Fire information for the **Fairbanks Area**: 907-451-2704

Fire information for the **Tok Area**: 907-699-6411

Fire information for the **Chisana River Fire**, visible from the Yukon Territory and into Alaska:

<http://inciweb.org/incident/3440/> and <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>

**Fairbanks Area Update:** Due to Extreme Fire Danger the Fairbanks area of the Tanana Valley State Forest is CLOSED to all personal use firewood harvesting and commercial logging activity. This closure will continue until the high fire danger ends.

It is crucial that residents and visitors in Alaska actively prevent wildfires for public safety reasons, for the safety of our firefighters, and because the resources in Alaska are in high demand due to the number of fires statewide and the extremely dry conditions. Lightning-caused fires continue to start; for every human-caused fire that requires response, it means those resources (aircraft, equipment, people) are not available to respond to the fires that we cannot prevent.

If you plan to burn debris, obtain and adhere to Alaska Division of Forestry guidelines and suspensions as outlined by <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>. For information about emergency closures for campfires in National Parks in Alaska, visit <http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>.

### Information Gathering/Additional References

[www.inciweb.nwcg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov)

#### [www.twitter.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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