



June 29, 2013
Last Updated: 3:00 p.m.

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

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

6/29 Highway and Wildland Fire Smoke Information

3:00 p.m. update -Skinny's Road Fire: Pilot cars will be used for travel between Milepost 322 on the south end and Milepost 332 on the north end of the Parks Highway during the hours of 6am to Midnight. Travelers are reminded to use caution when driving through smoky conditions by driving with headlights on and watching for fire equipment and firefighters. Fire updates may be available on <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3456/>.

3:00 p.m. update- Alaska Highway

The Alaska Highway is open and not effected by fires in the Tok Area.

Copper River Basin Fire Watch issued until Sunday June 29, 10:00pm.

Fire weather watch is in effect from Sunday afternoon through Sunday evening for strong wind in the Copper River Basin. 20 FT winds...10 to 20 MPH with possible gusts to 30MPH. Relative Humidity as low as 28 percent.

Smoke Impacts Interior Alaska

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. 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.

6/29 Fire Information

According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, **115 fires are active statewide**. A total of 400 fires have burned 758,171 acres so far this year; 20 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

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

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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