



Wildland Fire Updates

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Last Updated: 12:00 p.m.

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

Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.

7/1 – The Alaska wildland firefighter community grieves with the family and friends of the 19 firefighters that died yesterday on the Yarnell Hill Fire in Arizona. The firefighters were part of the Granite Mountain Hotshot Crew from Prescott, Arizona, hosted by the Prescott Fire Department. To provide support to the families of the firefighters that were killed, visit the Wildland Firefighter Foundation at <http://www.wffoundation.org/>. The Wildland Firefighter Foundation's main focus is to help families of firefighters killed in the line of duty and to assist injured firefighters and their families.

7/1 – Fire Information Update

Please prevent human-caused fires this holiday weekend.

4th of July

Let's celebrate our freedom without starting new wildfires!

Enjoy your time in the outdoors...
Please use caution! You are responsible for fires you start.

Burn Permit Information: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>

According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, **110** fires are active statewide. A total of **414** fires have burned **835,618** acres so far this year; **11** fires are staffed.

A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over Skinny's Road Fire to provide a safe environment for firefighting. More information at <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>

Stuart Creek 2 Fire (#280) –

The fire has grown to 10,000 acres; there is not much change in weather forecast for today and fire activity is expected to be similar to yesterday. Smoke from the fire is visible around Eielson Air Force Base and from Chena Hot Springs Road. Smokejumpers, retardant tankers and water-scooping aircraft are heavily engaging the fire. Military helicopters, dozers, and crews are included in the operation or are on order. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (IMT) is en route from the Lower-48 to manage fire operations as the BLM Alaska Fire Service and local agencies coordinate resources and protection requirements pending their arrival. A Type 3 organization is currently in place.

Fire Information

AICC Fire Information Office
907-356-5511

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>

Alaska Wildland Fire Guide
http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/Alaska_Wildland_Fire_Guide_2013.pdf

Skinny's Road Fire
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3456/>

Tok Area/Moon Complex Info:
907-883-1117
<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3459/>

SW Alaska Info: 907-524-0063
Chisana River Fire Info:
<http://inciweb.org/incident/3440/> and

<http://www.nps.gov/wrst/park/mgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>

Skinny's Road Fire (#388) – The 1,401-acre fire is now being managed by a Type 2 Incident Management Team from the Oregon Department of Forestry. 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 6 a.m. 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/>.

Alaska Highway Conditions – The Alaska Highway is open and not effected by fires in the Tok Area. For information about the Moon Complex, managed by the Alaska Type 2 Incident Management Team, and fires burning in the Tok area, visit <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3459/>. The Moon Complex comprises of the #414 Tetlin Junction Fire, #401 Moon Lake Fire, #300 Dennison Fork, #357 Billy Creek, #386 Ladue Fork and #448 South Junction Ladue and #449 Big Timber Creek.

Excelsior Fire (#444) – Smoke is visible along the Richardson Highway (in the Paxson and Meiers Lake area) due to the 1,000-acre fire. The fire is not staffed but is being monitored by the Alaska Division of Forestry. *Photo by Mike Trimmer, Valdez-Copper River Forestry.*



7/1 Smoke Impacts Interior Alaska

Smoke from numerous fires burning statewide is visible throughout much of the state. Smoke is expected to persist in the interior this week. 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>.

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.

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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