



Wildland Fire Updates

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Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.

7/2 Evacuation Watch for MP 14-30 Chena Hot Springs Road

Stuart Creek 2 Fire (#280) – The Fairbanks North Star Borough has issued an Evacuation Watch for those living in the area from Mile 14 to Mile 32 of the Chena Hot Springs Rd. An Evacuation Watch is intended to inform those living in the affected area that there is a possibility that an evacuation may occur. Those who need extra time to evacuate livestock, sled dogs, or have other special needs may want to consider leaving the area before an evacuation order is issued. A Type 2 Incident Management Team will take over management of fire operations this evening and a Type 1 Team has been ordered. The fire, burning on Eielson Air Force Base, has grown to 45,000 acres. Smokejumpers, retardant tankers and water-scooping aircraft are attacking the fire. Military helicopters, dozers, and crews are also included in the operation.

Additional Information on emergency preparedness is available from the Fairbanks North Star Borough <http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/EmergencyOperations/default.htm>



Please do your part to prevent human-caused fires this holiday weekend.

It is very important that homeowners take time to create defensible space. The Alaska Firewise brochure provides guidelines for emergency preparedness and measures that can be taken to prepare a home and property for wildland fire <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>.

Pilots! Check for Temporary Flight Restrictions at <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>.

7/2 – Fire Information Update

A total of **109** fires are active statewide, according to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. A total of **423** fires have burned **911,909** acres so far this year; **11** fires are staffed.

Skinny's Road Fire (#388) –The 1,662-acre fire is now being managed by a Type 2 Incident Management Team. Pilot cars are being 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.nwgc.gov/incident/3456/>. A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place

over Skinny's Road Fire to provide a safe environment for firefighting. More info: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>

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

Excelsior Fire (#444) – Smoke is visible along the Richardson Highway (in the Paxson and Meiers Lake area) due to the 1,465-acre fire. The fire is not staffed but is being monitored by the Alaska Division of Forestry.

7/2 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.

Fallen Firefighters

The Alaska wildland firefighter community grieves with the family and friends of the 19 firefighters who died 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.

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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