



# Wildland Fire Updates

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*Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.*

## 7/9 Stuart Creek 2 Fire

### **Evacuation Order Lifted for Milepost 18-24 Chena Hot Springs Road:**

The evacuation order was lifted along the Chena Hot Springs Road between mileposts 18 and 34 at 3p.m, July 8, 2013. An evacuation watch is still in effect for mileposts 16-34. The fire is 15% contained and now is 82,274 acres. The Tanana Fairground is still open to hosting animals for residents within the evacuation watch area. The Chena Hot Springs road and Resort are open. For information on the Chena River State Recreation Area, please contact: has issued (907) 451-2695 or visit [www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm](http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm) .

The fire is both still south of the Chena River and east of the Grange Haul Road. There are 23 hand crews, 23 engines, 12 dozers, 7 water tenders, 7 helicopters, and air tankers are available to be working on the fire.

The fire rate of spread has been tempered by a late afternoon rain yesterday and last night. Firefighters will continue to provide structure protection in the threatened communities and efforts are aimed at holding the fire south of the Chena River. Significant progress was made in direct hand and dozer line construction yesterday. It is anticipated that a large portion on the southwest area of the fire will be considered contained tomorrow evening after mop up and line strengthening is completed. Wetter conditions will continue through Wednesday night. A potential Red Flag weather pattern with higher temperatures, very low humidity and strong northeast wind has been forecasted to begin Thursday and will last well into the weekend. The current moderate weather is affording the opportunity to aggressively attack the fire with direct fire line construction.

Crews continue to hold the fire on the Quarry and Brigadier Road on the fire's south flank.

**For tips on how to prepare for a potential evacuation and what to do if you are evacuated,** residents are encouraged to visit the "Ready, Set, Go" website at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/article/3052/15480/>.

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

## 7/9 Moon Lake (#401)

The fire is 17,313 acres. Rain has moderated fire spread and active. Smoldering and smoke is being observed. Crews will continue structure protection in Mansfield Lake Village. Assessment of opportunities for direct line will continue along with patrol and monitoring by boat and air. For more information please visit

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3459/> .

## 7/9 Skinny's Road Fire (#388) –The Fire Is 100 Percent Contained and the Parks Highway Is Open

The 1,806-acre fire is now 100 percent contained. The fire is near Mile 238 of the Parks Highway. The Parks Highway is open and it is safe to travel the road without a pilot car. All hot-shot crews have been released from this fire and will be assigned to other fires. Personnel will continue to secure interior unburned islands, mop-up, and back-haul supplies. They are beginning rehabilitation operations. Fire updates may be available on <http://inciweb.nwcg.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>.

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>.**

### 7/9 – Fire Information Update

A total of **91** fires are active statewide, according to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. A total of **446** fires have burned **1,037,834** acres so far this year; **6** fires are staffed.

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](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke_qa.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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