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Updates are provided as changes in activity occur.

Statewide Fires

A total of 73 fires are active statewide with 3 of these fires staffed. 477 fires have burned 1,072,855 acres so far this year. At 7:00 am today, Alaska remains at Preparedness Level 2.

7/21 Stuart Creek 2 Fire (#280) Fresh crews on board with mop up efforts well under way

Evacuation Watch for the Chena Hot Springs Road between Mileposts 27 and 39 has been lifted.

The Evacuation Watch along Chena Hot Springs Road between Mileposts 27 and 39 has been lifted by the Interagency Incident Management Team, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Alaska State Troopers.

Five new crews arrived yesterday to assist in the mop up and rehabilitation efforts aided by weather conditions. The fire perimeter continues to receive precipitation totaling 1" to 2" on rain within the past 48 hours. The rain will assist in extinguishing remaining hot spots within the interior, which will result less smoke visible for residences along the Chena Hot Springs corridor. Fire Managers plan to fly the perimeter of the fire today, using infrared technology to check for hot spots.

The fire remains at 57% contained and is 85,475 acres. 529 firefighters are currently assigned to the fire. The west side of the fire remains fully contained. Air resources will continue to provide air support within the interior and on the northeast flank as needed

For more information on the Stuart Fire, please call: (907) 451-0597 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.); follow on Twitter: #StuartCreek2 #AK #AKMID or visit: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3468/>

7/21 State Parks access also lifted along with exceptions.

Access restrictions on the Chena River State Recreation Area between MP-27 and MP-50.5 were also lifted. However, the exception remains on the south side of Chena Hot Springs Road between MP-27 and MP-39, which will remain closed. The entire Chena Hot Springs Road and the Chena Hot Springs Resort remain open. For more information please; 907-451-2695

7/21 Moon Lake Fire (#401)

The fire is 17,945 acres and remains north of the Tanana River. The fire is 12% contained. Heavy blow down of timber is making containment difficult for fire crews. Crews have secured the east flank of the fire with IHC crews felling and bucking snags while assisting T2 crews in mop-up. The fire will continue to be monitored by air and boat. The fire is managed by a Type 3 Team. There are currently 146 personnel on this fire, including 1 engine, 6 crews and 3 helicopters. For more information please visit: <http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/3459/> .

Smoke

All communities near the fire will see less smoke due to a wetter trend forecasted today and throughout the weekend. In the evenings and morning, smoke may sink to the lower elevation communities like North Pole, Fairbanks, and Eielson AFB. For information on smoke conditions, visit this website: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>. Smoke can pose health concerns for the public. Residents are encouraged to visit the "Protect Yourself from Smoke" website for smoke protection information at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Wildfires/>.

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>.

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.

7/21 Keeping Campfires Safe During Fire Season

Campers are advised that campfires are dangerous this time of year. Large fires and bonfires, fires that are throwing embers, or any fires that cannot be completely extinguished quickly create a serious risk.

Due to the severe potential for damage to natural resources, property, and human life, penalties may be imposed including fines and possible imprisonment (AS4115.140).

Preventing human-caused wildfires requires awareness and responsibility, and benefits our state resources and the safety of our communities.

"You are responsible for every fire you start"

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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

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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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