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Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.

7/24 Statewide Fires

A total of 58 fires are active statewide; three are staffed. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 490 fires have burned 1,072,204 acres.

7/24 Fire Information Sources

- Moon Lake and Tetlin Junction Ridge Fires <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3459/>
- Stuart Creek 2 Fire
 - <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3468/>
 - (907) 451-0597
 - Follow on Twitter: #StuartCreek2 #AK #AKMID
 - Alaska Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation – Closure of Chena River State Recreation Area <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/asp/curevnts.htm>

7/24 Wildland Fire Conditions

Warm, dry weather is expected for much of the state into mid-next week. Vegetation is dry in the Susitna Valley, Copper River Basin, on the Kenai Peninsula, and throughout south central. Conditions will become more fire-prone as the warm and dry days continue. Should fires start, they are expected to spread rapidly and burn deeply. Fires that are already burning will become more active under the given conditions.

Please check for Division of Forestry Burn Permit Suspensions, which are directly tied to the Burn Permit Program (<http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>), before burning debris.

Due to fishing and other outdoor activities, fires that originate from campfires pose a concern. Unattended and abandoned campfires continue to be a source for wildfires. A safe campfire is one that burns only the vegetation that you add to it. Check with landowners or managers for information about local regulations before you build a fire. Locate campfires in places where they cannot spread. Keep tools and water on hand and do not leave a fire unattended. Thoroughly extinguish any heat by stirring it using a shovel or a stick to expose burning material while drowning it with water.

7/24 Additional Points of Information

Smoke can pose health concerns for the public. Visit the "Protect Yourself from Smoke" website

for information at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Wildfires/>. 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_ga.htm.

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>.

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“You are responsible for every fire you start”

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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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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