



# Wildland Fire Updates

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Report Fires: 911  
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Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.



*The lightning-caused Fireweed Fire (#609), discovered on the Kenai Peninsula on July 29, likely started from a strike that was received the end of last week and smoldered until it became active enough to detect. The one-acre fire is now controlled and unstaffed, and being monitored by Kenai-Kodiak Forestry. Photo provided by Kenai-Kodiak Forestry.*

## 8/1 Statewide Fire Information

A Fire Weather Watch is in effect for Friday afternoon through Friday evening for strong winds in the Deltana and Tanana Flats and the eastern Alaska Range. The Watch means that weather conditions could lead to the potential for a Red Flag Warning, which means conditions could lead to the development of large, dangerous wildfires. For a map of the Watches and Warnings, visit <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>.

Alaska Division of Forestry Areas that are experiencing high fire danger or strong winds may have Burn Permit Suspensions in place. If you plan to burn debris, make sure you have a permit and follow safe burning guidelines. Learn more at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>.

Eight new fires were reported Wednesday to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. Three human-caused fires started on the Kenai Peninsula, five lightning-caused fires started in the Copper River Basin and southwest Alaska. Human-caused fires continue to be a concern due to sustained

warm, dry conditions which are expected through the weekend. Fire prevention is necessary so that Alaskan firefighting can respond to the new lightning-caused fires and the fires that are already burning statewide.

For a map of lightning strikes statewide visit <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php> and “current lightning.” Fire managers continue to fly detection in areas that have received lightning to look for new fires and potential holdover fires. Holdover fires are from strikes that personnel believe to have occurred in days past, but are just now becoming fires that are visible enough to be detected.

A total of 74 fires are active statewide; six are staffed. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 537 fires have burned 1,070,269 acres statewide. Information about individual fires is at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

### **Fire Information Gathering**

- **Moon Lake/ Tetlin Junction Ridge**– <http://inciweb.org/incident/3459/>, 907-699-6411
- **Stuart Creek 2**– <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3468/> , 907-356-5511

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](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke_ga.htm).

### **The Fair Time of Year**

The Tanana Valley Fair is in Fairbanks from August 2-11. If you attend, please stop by and visit the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and State of Alaska booth. Firewise brochures will be provided along with information about wildland fire preparedness, emergency planning, and response. Additional events are happening statewide this month where you can go to obtain wildland fire information and talk with fire personnel. Some of the events include: Kenny Lake Fair (August 16-17), Kenai Peninsula Fair (August 16-18), and the State Fair in Palmer (August 22-September 2).

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***“You are responsible for every fire you start”***

### **Information Gathering/Additional References**

<http://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:

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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>
  - o 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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