



Wildland Fire Updates

August 3, 2013
Last Updated: 10:40 a.m.

Contacts
Report Fires: 911
AFS/DOF Public Affairs: (907) 356-5511

A weekend update will not be provided unless significant changes in activity occur.

8/3 Stuart Creek 2 Fire

Hot, dry conditions and strong winds caused flare ups within the fire perimeter. Burnout operations were conducted in the southern area to keep the fire within the road system and the impact area. The burnout operation is a success thus far with approximately 2 miles of line burned, totaling 300 acres north of Brigadier Road. Resources continue to patrol other areas around the perimeter. There are 121 personnel on the fire as mop-up and rehabilitation efforts move forward. Photo by James Sullivan



8/2 The Fair Time of Year



The Tanana Valley Fair is taking place from August 2-11 in Fairbanks. If you attend, please visit the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and State of Alaska log cabin booth (pictured at left). Firewise brochures are 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).

8/2 Statewide Fire Information

It is critical to prevent human-caused fires as there is significant potential for increased activity and rapid fire growth throughout Alaska. Firefighting personnel and aircraft continue to work diligently on existing fires. New fires are expected to occur under the warm, dry conditions and preventing new fires helps to reserve resources for situations that are non-preventable, such as lightning-caused fires.

A Red Flag Warning for strong southerly winds is in effect from Friday morning until midnight Saturday in the Deltana and Tanana Flats area and the eastern Alaska Range. A Red Flag Warning means conditions support the development of large, dangerous wildfires. For a map of current

Watches and Warnings, visit <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>.

Alaska Division of Forestry Areas that are hot, dry and wind 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 Thursday to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. Three human-caused fires started, two on the Kenai Peninsula and one in southeast Alaska, while five lightning-caused fires started, two in the Copper River Basin and three in the southwest.

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 73 fires are active statewide; five are staffed. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 552 fires have burned 1,096,175 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/> , 907-356-5885

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_qa.htm.

#

“You are responsible for every fire you start”

Information Gathering/Additional References

<http://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>
 - 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
- 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/>

AICC Wildland Fire Update is compiled by Alaska Division of Forestry and BLM Alaska Fire Service