



Wildland Fire Updates

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

8/4 State Fire Activity Increases

The forecast for high temperatures, dry fuels and high winds have proven to be true as new fires and increased activity on existing fires impacted areas around the state. Eleven new fires started Saturday: one each in the Tanana and Upper Yukon zones, three in the Fairbanks area, two in Kenai, and one each in the Delta, Tok, Southwest, and Anchorage MatSu areas. A total of 82 fires are active statewide; nine fires are staffed. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 561 fires have burned 1,123,666 acres statewide. Information about individual fires is located at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

Related news: Historic Gold Dredge No. 3 destroyed by fire; 2nd fire reported at Mile 47
http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/historic-atanika-dredge-destroyed-by-fire-nd-fire-reported-at/article_f5a26eb6-fccf-11e2-bac2-001a4bcf6878.html

8/4 Long Creek Fire

The Long Creek Fire started Saturday afternoon on the north side of the Steese Highway near the 47 mile point. Aerial and ground resources heading to a different fire near the Chatanika Lodge diverted to this new wildland fire. This enabled a quick initial response that helped to keep the fire to 40 acres last night. Additional resources are arriving Sunday to help the 58 firefighters already working to contain this fire that is burning in a Critical protection area. Photo of Long Creek Fire by Air Attack.



8/4 Stuart Creek 2 Fire

Burnout operations were completed along the southern perimeter of the fire. Resources continue to patrol and monitor the perimeter around the Chena River. There are 125 personnel on the fire as mop-up and rehabilitation efforts continue.

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).

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_ga.htm.

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“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:

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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

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/>

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