



Wildland Fire Updates

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

8/6 AFS Staffed fires

There are six staffed fires in the BLM Alaska Fire Service protection areas: Four in the Upper Yukon Zone (Crater Creek, Beaverdam Lake, Twin Lakes and Discovery Creek), one in the Tanana Zone (Toklat River East) and one in the Military Zone (Stuart Creek 2).

Crater Creek #661

Smokejumpers and three crews: Chena IHC, Arctic Village Type 2 and Koyuk Type 2. The human-caused fire began on Aug. 4 and is 650 acres and is located 16 miles west of Venetie. Water –scooping aircraft and air attack provided support to the fire.

Beaverdam Lake #652

Located 16 miles south of Beaver, this fire is 17.5 acres. Smokejumpers had been on the fire and were demobilized. The Venetie Type 2 crew was assigned to the fire. The fire was caused by lightning on Aug. 3.

Twin Lakes #588

The Twin Lakes fire, started on July 27, is a 51 acre, lightning-caused fire located 10.6 miles south of Beaver. The Fort Yukon Type 2 crew is conducting mop-up operations. The fire is listed as contained.

Discovery Creek #495

The 3,656 acre fire is in a limited fire management option area but four smokejumpers were dropped in for point protection on a cabin. The fire began on July 1 and is located 20.5 miles south of Birch Creek.

Toklat River East #429

The 28,384 acre fire is located 35 miles west of Healy in a limited fire management option area. Four smokejumpers are conducting structure protection on a cabin in the area. The fire started on June 26

Stuart Creek #280

86,890 acre fire 25 miles east of North Pole. Firefighters continue to patrol and monitor the fire. Chena IHC and the White Mountain Type 2IA crews were released on Aug. 5. 88 personnel remain on the fire to include the Midnight Sun IHC and North Star crews.

8/6 State Fire Activity

Weather conditions continue to be hot and dry with high winds; smoke from various on-going fires

continues to be visible in many parts of the state. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 569 fires have burned 1,145,072 acres statewide. Information about individual fires is located at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

8/5 Long Creek Fire Contained

The Long Creek Fire started Saturday afternoon on the north side of 47 Mile Steese Highway. Firefighters working on the Long Creek Fire had a productive day Sunday and the fire is now 100% contained. The Pioneer Peak Interagency Hotshot Crew, along with the Fairbanks #1 and Upper Tanana Type 2 crews continue working to strengthen the fireline. Firefighters will be working for several more days mopping up remaining heat within this 84 acre fire. Improved mapping accounts for the increase in acreage from Saturday's estimate of 40 acres.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place within a five nautical mile radius of 47 Mile Steese Highway due to fire fighting aircraft operations. Pilots should check for the latest NOTAMs prior to flying in this vicinity.

8/2 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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Information Gathering/Additional References

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

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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**

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Alaska Division of Forestry account:

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Bureau of Land Management account:

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National Park Service account:

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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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