



Wildland Fire Updates

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Last Updated: 11:25 a.m.

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

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



8/11 Mississippi Fire #117

The Alaska Type 1 Team now manages the fire. The fire has escaped military restricted area, threatening numerous structures and state timber units. Observed fire behavior was running, spotting and torching. The fire has moved out of old growth timber and into open tundra, spruce and hardwoods. The fire is wind driven. Large growth is expected as weather conditions remain hot, dry and windy. Firefighters will continue to do site protection and to utilize air resources to slow the spread north. Two hotshot crews, two Type 2 crews, three engines and several overhead are assigned to the fire; bringing the current total to 102 personnel.

8/11 Joint Information Center activated

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) activated the Joint Information Center (JIC) on Aug 9 to coordinate Alaska fire information among firefighting agencies. Personnel in the JIC are from Alaska and the Lower-48. The number for fire information is 907-356-5511.

8/10 State Fire Activity

This summer has been exceptionally hot and dry, and continues that trend in the Interior! A variety of record high temperatures were set in June, July, and August at several locations around the state, including Fairbanks, Anchorage and McGrath: three centers of Alaskan fire activity. Fairbanks had only 55% of normal rainfall for June/July, while Anchorage has had only 40% of its normal. Some rain has helped moderate conditions in the southern and western part of the state, but strong southerly winds continue to dry the air mass north of the Alaska Range, through the central and eastern Interior. Additionally, these winds will cause fires to burn very quickly through fuels that are already dried to near-record levels. This exceptionally dry start to August will continue as no rain is in sight with the weather pattern keeping warm, dry weather over Interior Alaska for the next 10 days.

8/11 By the numbers

According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year 577 fires have burned 1,222,220 acres statewide. Information about individual fires is located 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
- **Mississippi** – 907-378-4978

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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