



Wildland Fire Updates

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The Wildland Fire Updates may be updated during the day as significant changes in fire activity occur.



Members of the Pioneer Peak Hotshots crew work to install hose and sprinklers to protect structures in the South Bank area of Delta Junction./Pioneer Peak IHC Photo

8/15 Mississippi Fire #117

The fire has grown to 57,870 acres and is expected to continue slow growth due to moderated weather conditions. Structure protection and assessment will continue in the homestead areas, on the east side of the Delta River and the north side of the Tanana River. A new dozer line has been completed from Whitestone Farms westward to the fire's edge at its north end. If weather conditions allow, firefighters plan to do a burnout west from the dozer line that surrounds the Whitestone area and south from the new dozer line

A burnout operation is a carefully applied suppression tactic that entails burning out natural fuels between the advancing fire and an established, constructed fireline or natural barrier. The Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team will hold a public meeting at

7 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2013 at the Delta Junction Community Center. Fire Managers will update the community on the Mississippi Fire and answer questions. Information about the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3618/> or by calling 907-750-1639.

8/15 Tabert Lake Fire #625

The fire, burning East of Lake Louise in the Copper River Valley, is estimated at approximately 1,200 acres. A Type 3 organization will assume management of the fire today. On Wednesday, two tankers

dropped twelve loads of retardant and four water-scooping aircraft worked the east side and north end of the fire. The aerial resources were effective in limiting the growth of the fire. Information about the fire can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3644/>

8/15 Birch Creek Fire #506

The fire is currently estimated at 24,923 acres. Crews are working to build indirect line from the Portage Creek drainage to Medicine Lake. The Type 2 Incident Management Team managing the fire will hold a public meeting tonight at 6 p.m. behind the Central museum to provide a fire briefing and answer questions from the public. Information about the fire can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3625/>

8/15 Tetlin Jct. Ridge #414

The fire made a significant run to the southeast Wednesday, driven by strong northwest winds growing by 4,000 acres to 13,726. Crews made progress securing the northwest corner of the fire.

8/15 Caribou Creek Fire #679

Fire crews continue work to install hoses and sprinklers around structures in the area of the Caribou Creek Fire. The 1,436-acre fire is burning between Butte Creek and Caribou Creek north of the Salcha River.

8/15 Stuart Creek 2 Fire #280

Crews will continue work today to extinguish an area of deep burning duff on the northern perimeter of the fire near the Chena River. Persistent warm, dry weather has resulted in re-burning throughout the fire area. The 87,358-acre fire is 71 percent contained. Information about the fire can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3468/>

8/15 Smoke

Due to fires in the Interior smoke may cause limited visibility in and around Delta Junction and Tok along the Alaska and Richardson Highways. Drivers are asked to keep their headlights on and use caution. Additional information can be found at <http://511.alaska.gov/alaska511/mappingcomponent/index>

An air quality advisor remains in effect for the Central and Eastern Interior due to heavy smoke from fires. Increased air stability is making the smoke heaviest in the morning, with conditions generally improving by afternoon. Find more information at <http://dec.alaska.gov/Applications/Air/airtoolsweb/Advisories>

8/15 Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory

A Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory remains in effect for the Central and Eastern Interior. Find more information at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/outlooks/FFBehavior.pdf>

8/15 By the numbers...

So far this year 583 fires have burned 1,249,091 acres statewide. Information about individual fires is located at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

Attention Pilots!

Six Temporary Flight Restrictions are in place for fires burning in Alaska and additional TFRs may be added, depending upon fire activity. Please check for TFRs at <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>

Fires that do not have a TFR in place may still have fire aircraft working in the area, including fixed-wing and/or helicopters. Please stay at least 5 nautical miles away from ALL wildland fires to keep the airspace safe for everyone.

Hunters – Please Be Careful with Your Campfire!



With the start of hunting season, hunters are urged to be extra careful with campfires and with anything that could start a fire. Extremely warm, dry conditions in the central and eastern Interior and limited firefighting resources make it urgent that those traveling in the backcountry use extra caution with anything that could cause a wildfire.

You are responsible for every fire you start. Make sure your campfire is dead out!

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
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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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