



# Wildland Fire Updates

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



## 8/16 Tabert Lake #625

The 1,186-acre fire is burning west of Lake Louise and Little Lake Louise in the Copper River Basin. The western perimeter is mildly active. Within the perimeter, the fire is smoldering and creeping with single-tree torching. The potential for spread of the fire is low due to damp conditions. An Incident Command Post is being established at The Point Lodge at mile 17.2 of Lake Louise Road. A public meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Lake Louise Lodge

Lake Louise Lake Volunteer Fire Department fire boat getting ready to launch. Incident personnel are working with the Lake Louise VFD and local residents to do site assessments. Photo by Maggie Rogers Aug. 16.

## 8/16 Mississippi Fire #117

The 57, 870-acre fire is burning 10 miles southwest of Delta Jct. Fire managers completed a

successful burnout operation in the Whitestone area yesterday. 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. tonight at the Delta Junction Community Center. Fire Managers will update the community on the Mississippi Fire and answer questions. A total of 383 people are working on the fire, with 27 states represented among them. Additional Information about the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3618/> or by calling\_907-750-1639.

#### **8/16 Birch Creek Fire #506**

The fire, burning five miles southeast of Circle Hot Springs, is currently estimated at 24,923 acres. Rain fell on the fire yesterday. As a result, little or no active fire spread is expected today. Crews have completed construction of three miles of indirect line to protect Circle Hot Springs. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3625/>

#### **8/16 Tetlin Ridge Jct. #414**

Fire behavior has moderated on the Tetlin Ridge Fire, which is burning 18 miles east of Tok. Helicopters with buckets were used to help secure an area of concern on the northwest corner of the fire. Crews were assessing protection needs for structures along the Alaska Highway, southeast of the fire. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3459/>

#### **8/16 Stuart Creek 2 Fire #280**

Water-scooping aircraft were used yesterday to knock down the fire in an area on the northeastern perimeter that had begun reburning. The 87,358-acre fire is burning 25 miles east of North Pole on military training lands. Crews continued mop up in portions of the western perimeter. Fire managers continue to monitor the fire in the military impact area and to provide support for activities related to military exercises. Backcountry trails and access points in the Chena River State Recreation Area that had been closed due to the fire have been reopened. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3468/>

#### **8/16 Caribou Creek Fire #679**

The 1,436-acre Caribou Creek Fire saw little growth yesterday. The fire is burning between Butte Creek and Caribou Creek north of the Salcha River. Crews will continue to assess cabins for protection with hoses and sprinklers.

#### **8/16 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>

#### **8/16 Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory**

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

#### **8/16 By the numbers...**

So far this year 584 fires have burned 1,249,496 acres statewide. Information about individual fires is located at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

## 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/>

[www.twitter.com](http://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](http://www.facebook.com)

BLM Alaska Fire Service account:

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Alaska Division of Forestry account:

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National Park Service account:

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US Fish and Wildlife Service account:

USFWSAlaska

[www.youtube.com](http://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](http://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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