



Wildland Fire Updates

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Last Updated: 12:15 p.m.

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

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

Fire Weather

A soaking rain over the Copper River Basin and Upper Tanana Valley overnight helped moderate activity on many of the fires burning in those areas. In addition, a weather pattern change is bringing widespread wetting rain and cooler temperatures to much of the state over the next week, with rain expected in the Central and Eastern Interior by late Monday and early Tuesday.

8/18 Tetlin Jct. Ridge #414

The 20,749-acre Tetlin Jct. Ridge Fire, burning 18 miles east of Tok, received rain late yesterday and overnight. Crews are continuing structure protection work along the Alaska Highway. In addition, construction has begun on an indirect dozer line on a ridge along the border between state land and Tetlin Corporation land. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3459/>



Tabert Lake Fire/Photo by Maggie Rogers, Alaska Division of Forestry

8/18 Mississippi Fire #117

The Mississippi Fire, burning 10 miles southwest of Delta Junction, has grown to 65,725 acres. Crews are continuing burnout operations along the dozer line near the Whitestone area to secure the line. Fire

managers are continuing strategic planning and protection strategies for structures in the fire area. Additional information about the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3618/> or by calling 907-750-1639.

8/18 Birch Creek #414

Rain and higher humidity have decreased activity on the 24,923-acre Birch Creek Fire, which is burning five miles southeast of Circle Hot Springs. The fire is smoldering and creeping in timber and tundra. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3625/>

8/18 Tabert Lake #625

The Tabert Lake fire, burning west of Lake Louise in the Copper River area, received rain overnight. The fire is now estimated at 1,360 acres. The slight decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. Work to assess structures in the area is wrapping up. The Temporary Flight Restriction has been cancelled. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3644/>.

8/18 Stuart Creek 2 Fire #280

Fire managers continue to monitor the 87,064-acre Stuart Creek 2 Fire, burning in a military training area 25 miles east of North Pole. The fire is 71 percent contained, with full containment hampered by the risk of unexploded ordnance in the impact area on the southeast corner of the fire. A TFR remains in place. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3468/>

8/18 Caribou Creek Fire #679

The 1,436-acre Caribou Creek Fire is burning from Butte Creek to Caribou Creek north of the Salcha River. Fire managers will be monitoring the fire. Pumps and hoses will be left at cabins closest to the fire.

8/18 By the numbers...

So far this year 587 fires have burned 1,274,615 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!

Attention Pilots!

Six Temporary Flight Restrictions are in place over fires burning in Alaska. Please check for TFRs at <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>

Fires that do not have a TFR in place may still have aircraft working in the area. Please stay at least 5 nautical miles away from ALL wildland fires to keep the airspace safe.

FIRE PHOTOS

View photos of 2013 Alaska wildland fires at <http://s1312.photobucket.com/user/alaskajic/library/>
Got Alaska fire photos you'd like to share? Send them to Alaskajic@gmail.com

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: BLM Alaska Fire Service

Alaska Division of Forestry account: AK.Forestry

Bureau of Land Management account: BLMAlaska

National Park Service account: Alaska NPS

U.S. 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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