



Wildland Fire Updates

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Last Updated: 1:30 p.m.

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

Updates will be provided as significant changes in activity occur.

From Preparedness Level 4 to 3

Rain, lower temperatures, and higher humidity throughout much of the state have moderated fire activity. As a result, Alaska has moved to Preparedness Level 3. Fire managers are reassessing their needs and demobilizing crews and equipment where they are no longer needed. This means crews fighting fire in Alaska could soon be available for firefighting in the Lower 48.

8/19 Mississippi Fire #117

Cooler temperatures and intermittent rain have helped to slow activity on the 67,711-acre Mississippi Fire near Delta Junction. Crews continue work to secure the area north of the fire to protect the Whitestone community and other values at risk. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3618/> or by calling 907-750-1639

8/19 Birch Creek Fire #506

Fire officials continue to monitor weather conditions on the 24,923-acre Birch Creek Fire to determine if there will be an opportunity to complete a burn out operation. The fire is burning 5 miles southeast of Circle Hot Springs. In the meantime, crews are working on fire mitigation projects in the area. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3625/>

8/19 Tetlin Jct. Ridge Fire #414

The 20,749-acre fire, burning 18 miles east of Tok, received rain throughout most of the day Sunday. As a result, fire activity is minimal, with only smoldering observed. Additional information on the fire can be found at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3459/>

8/19 Stuart Creek 2 Fire #280

Fire managers continue to monitor the 87,064-acre Stuart Creek 2 fire, burning on a military training range 25 miles east of North Pole. The Temporary Flight Restriction over the fire has been lifted.

8/19 Tabert Lake Fire#625

Activity on the 1,360-acre Tabert Lake Fire has decreased after wetting rain over the weekend. The Temporary Flight Restriction over the fire has been lifted. Due to decreased fire activity, Inciweb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3644/> will no longer provide new information on the Tabert Lake Fire. For information on the fire please call 907-822-5534 or email tabert.lake.fire@gmail.com.

8/19 By the numbers

So far this year 590 fires have burned 1,305,833 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 and other backcountry travelers are urged to be extra careful with campfires and with anything that could start a fire. While rain has fallen in portions of the Central and Eastern Interior, vegetation remains dry in many areas. Remember: You are responsible for every fire you start. *Make sure your campfire is dead out!*

Attention Pilots

Four 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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