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HIGHLIGHTS

- No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center in the last 24 hours. For a map of all fires in Alaska, visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- Today there will be smoke in the Tanana Valley from the Parks Highway Fire. Smoke is being generated from the fire moving into areas of unburned vegetation. Also today, if conditions are favorable, firefighters may be doing some burnout operations to reduce the fire spread and protect structures. For further information on the Parks Highway Fire visit: <http://www.parkshighwayfire.com/>
- Travelers are urged to use caution when driving the George Parks Highway as there is still fire traffic and personnel working along the highway between Nenana and milepost 280 and the possibility of reduced visibility due to smoke.
- A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is still in effect for the Parks Highway Fire. For additional information on the specifics of the TFR go to the following website: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Currently there are only 11 active fires in Alaska. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) reports that so far this year 190 fires statewide have burned nearly 156,325 acres. For additional information about fire activity in Alaska, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>

- For additional references, see next page -



ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
- Parks Highway Fire:
(907) 832-1835, (907) 451-3031, <http://parkshighwayfire.com/>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information:
<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.