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HIGHLIGHTS

- There were two new fires reported Monday. The Paddle Creek Fire, 15 miles northeast of Circle City, and the Ptarmigan Creek Fire about 20 miles north of the village of Tanana. The 120-acre Ptarmigan Creek Fire is the first fire this year in the Tanana Zone and is burning in an area of Limited suppression. Eight smokejumpers responded to the 45-acre plus Paddle Creek Fire and are expected to be released today.
- The two CL-215 medium, water-scooping aircraft that were brought up as an addition to the two CL-215s contracted by AFS, have been released to their home unit in Minnesota.
- Light to moderate precipitation and higher humidities minimized fire activity on the Parks Highway Fire yesterday. Containment increased from 45% to 60%. The fire remains within a ¼ mile of cabins and allotments near the mouth of the Wood River, however, it has not crossed to the East side of the Wood River. Smokejumpers and crews continue to provide structure protection and to work the fire's edge. For more information on the Parks Highway Fire visit:
<http://www.parkshighwayfire.com/> or call 907-460-2761.
- Nationally, the Southwest continues to be active and Nevada has picked up 12 new large fires in the last two days, including a 40,000 acre fire near Carlin, a 9,600 acre fire east of Elko, a 1,500 acre fire five miles east of Carson City and another 1,500 acre fire 10 miles northwest of Reno.
- Currently there are 14 active fires in Alaska. The largest fire is the Parks Highway Fire at 110,100 acres. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) reports that so far this year 196 fires statewide have burned nearly 196,337 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/air/am/smoke.htm>
- 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.