



# Morning Highlights

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**\*\*\*Unless there is an increase in fire activity, Morning Highlights will next be updated on Wednesday, June 5.\*\*\***

- Interagency fire officials would like to remind you to be especially cautious with fire this weekend and through the Fourth of July holiday. Traditionally, new fires are ignited by recreational activities during Independence Day Weekend. Alaska has received wide-spread precipitation, but fuels dry out quickly. The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (which represents Federal, State and Native landowners in Alaska) asks the public to ensure that campfires are completely extinguished after use, that fireworks are used carefully and only where legal, and that burn permit restrictions are adhered to. Please have a safe, happy holiday and enjoy your time outdoors.
- Two more crews are being sent to the Lower-48 for 14-day assignments. The Chena Hotshots are traveling today to California to be assigned to an incident; and the Denali Hotshots will follow tomorrow morning.
- Fire activity was moderate Thursday on the Parks Highway Fire. It has not crossed to the east side of the Wood River. Structure protection, mop-up and rehab are being conducted. Parts of the fire are still active and smoke may be visible. Please use extra caution on the George Parks Highway when fire personnel or vehicles are present. For more information visit: <http://www.parkshighwayfire.com/> or call 907-460-2761.
- State and local firefighters responded to and controlled a .3-acre fire in Ninilchik Thursday. No other fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center yesterday.
- Currently 11 active fires are active in Alaska. The Parks Highway Fire is the only fire that is staffed; 105 personnel remain. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) reports that so far this year 197 fires statewide have burned nearly 211,375 acres. For additional information about fire activity in Alaska, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>

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# ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- 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](http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm)
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- 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.