

Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

Emergency Fire Fighter (EFF) Update:

- Including the five EFF crews (Allakaket #1, Minto #2, Venetie #1, Beaver/Stevens Village, and Delta #) that departed today, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) has sent a total of 40 EFF crews to the Lower-48 since July. This is a total of 800 people with EFF crews alone, not to mention the many other resources AK has sent. Through the EFF mobilization and demobilization cycle, AICC has maintained a presence of 20 crews outside of Alaska at once. When a jet returns with five crews that have been demobilized from wildland fires, the next day it leaves with five different crews that are assigned where needed.
- The Lower-48 is experiencing a busy fire season and many geographical areas are short on resources. AICC originally committed to provide 40 EFF crews to aid with suppression efforts, but with the continued demand, AICC is working to send additional crews as possible. Some of the limitations for future mobilizations include the loss of daylight (especially as crews time-out on assignments and return in the fall) and weather conditions, ability to outfit them with gear they need, and the number of personnel available to assist in the operation.

Alaska Type 1 Incident Management Team (IMT):

- The Alaska IMT will report to the Incident Command Post for the Cascade Crest Complex, 35 miles northwest of Bend, tonight. The Complex is comprised of the Lake George, Puzzle and Black Crater fires. Structures, communication sites and a fish hatchery are at risk and evacuation plans are in place.

Other Information:

Alaska Fire Information

No new fires were reported to AICC Tuesday. Currently 16 fires are active in Alaska, none are staffed. AICC reports that so far this year 280 fires have burned nearly 269,805 acres statewide.

Estimated Number of AK Resources Assigned to L-48 Wildland Fire Incidents

-Last Updated 8/23/06-

(Numbers may vary as personnel are mobilized and demobilized)

6 Agency Crews

20 Emergency Fire Fighter (EFF) crews

48 Smokejumpers

200 Single Resources

= 745+ Personnel

To view a map of large incidents visit:

http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lq_fire2.php

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>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.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
- 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>

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