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Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS Update

- There have been a total of 134 fires reported this year. Total acreage burned is 2,484 acres. There were 10 new fires reported yesterday. There are 17 active fires; 2 fires are located on military lands, 2 of them are in the Upper Yukon Zone, 1 fire is located near Delta, 7 active fires in the Fairbanks area, 2 in the Kenai area, 1 fire is near Tok, 1 fire is located on the Chugach National Forest and 2 in the Anchorage area. All of the active fires are being monitored closely.
- Of the 10 new fires, 1 fire was 50 acres; the others were all less than 1 acre.
- 3 Prescribed Fires were conducted this weekend. All were on military lands. Two were conducted near Delta Junction on the Bolio Lakes and Oklahoma Ranges. The third burn was conducted on the Yukon Training area near North Pole, on the Manchu Range. All the burns were very successful. These burns were done to help reduce the chance of wildfires starting from military training exercises that are now in process and will continue for the rest of the summer months.
- There is a Red Flag Warning for a large portion of the state due to the high temperatures and low relative humidity. There is also a chance of some Chinook winds occurring later this afternoon. There were 16 lightning strikes yesterday.
- The largest fire this weekend was a 50 acre fire that Alaska state troopers reported in Boundary, behind the Boundary Lodge. A load of smokejumpers, an air tanker, an ASM, and a DOF engine responded. One load of retardant was dropped. Eight smokejumpers were deployed. One uninhabited structure was lost. Fire personnel remained overnight to prevent the fire's spread and to insure structure protection.
- The Division of Forestry has issued a burn ban due to the high fire danger in the entire western Kenai Peninsula until further notice

- Many of the fires this weekend have occurred due to illegal fires and fires not being properly watched. Several warnings and citations have been issued. Please remember that you must call the Division of Forestry to activate your burn permit. If DOF does not activate your burn permit you cannot burn and if you do you can be issued a warning or a citation.
- An Air Tanker has been ordered by AFS. This is due to many of the larger lakes still having a layer of ice on them. This ice prohibits the scoopers from being able to draw water from the lakes to use on wildland fires.

• 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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