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HIGHLIGHTS

- 241 fires have been reported this year for a total of 74,461.6 acres. There were 16 new fire reported yesterday, 2 in Tanana Zone , 6 in Fairbanks area, 2 in the Kenai Peninsula, 5 in the Mat-Su area, and 1 in the Tok area.
- There are 32 active fires in the state; 7 in the Tanana Zone, 3 in the Galena Zone, 8 in the Upper Yukon Zone 8 in the Fairbanks Area, 3 in the Tok Area, 2 on the Kenai Peninsula, and 1 in the Southwest Area, All are being monitored closely. 198 fires have been human caused and 57 have been lightning caused, 9 of which have been declared Wildland Fire Use fires.
- A Red Flag Warning is in effect today for the eastern Interior, Southwest and South Central Alaska.
- The lightning caused Tatalina Fire located near the Elliot Highway has 45 personnel on site. The Chena Hotshots and Northstars crews have been transported to the fire. Helitack initially attacked the fire and the aerial water scoopers and an air tanker also responded to the fire to provide aerial suppression. The fire is 70% active burning in black spruce torching with 20-30 foot flames in the perimeter and interior of the fire. The crews will work on securing the perimeter today.
- The Caribou Hills Fire located on the Kenai Peninsula is reported at 1,000 acres. On Tuesday air tankers dropped 5 loads of retardant, Helitack air support responded with bucket assistance and dozers were brought in to build line. Two loads of smokejumpers were deployed to the fire. Several structures were saved, one was lost. Air attack, tankers, crews, and helitack will continue response today to the human caused fire. A Type II Interagency Management Team is being assigned to the fire today.

• 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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