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Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

- 283 fires have been reported this year for a total of 111,181.9 acres. There were 15 new fires reported yesterday, 1 in Tanana Zone and 3 in the Upper Yukon Zone, 1 in the Delta Area, 1 in the Haines Area, 1 in Fairbanks Area, 1 in the Tok Area, 1 in the Chugach National Forest, 1 in the Kenai Peninsula, and 5 in the Mat-Su Area.
- There are 55 active fires in the state; 2 in the Galena Zone, 8 in the Tanana Zone, 8 in the Upper Yukon Zone 9 in the Fairbanks Area, 2 in the Tok Area, 3 on the Kenai Peninsula, 9 in the Mat-Su Area and 1 in the Southwest Area, All are being monitored closely. 200 fires have been human caused and 76 have been lightning caused, 14 of which have been declared Wildland Fire Use fires.
- A Red Flag Warning is in effect today for the northern slopes of the Alaska Range, central Interior of Alaska, and South Central Alaska. This warning is for high winds.
- On the Tatalina Fire, located near the Elliot Highway, the Chena Hotshots and Northstar crews are finishing mop up work today and will begin removal of equipment on Saturday. The fire has been declared controlled and will be demobed tomorrow evening.
- An Air Quality Advisory has been issued for Anchorage due to the smoke from Caribou Hills Fire. The Anchorage Division of Health and Human Services issued the advisory. Substantial smoke may remain in the Anchorage Area for at least the next 24 to 48 hours.
- The State of Alaska Division of Forestry had 10 new fires Thursday. The Mi 1299 AK Highway Fire is staffed with 20 personnel. The fire was bumping the Alaska Highway and Alaska State Troopers provided traffic control. An Emergency Firefighter Crew is staffing the fire and has it 80% contained. The remaining nine fires are small and unstaffed.

- Pilots are advised to check NOTAMS as Temporary Flight Restrictions are in place (see “Additional References” for websites that you can go to get more information).
- The Su River Fire is 5,500 acres and staffed with 44 people. Human safety and property protection are the two main priorities. A helicopter with a bucket worked through the night on structure protection. The fire was moving to the north yesterday. A Type 2 Incident Management has been ordered.
- The Caribou Hills Fire is staffed with a Type 2 Incident Management Team. Five Hotshot Crews from the Pacific Northwest will arrive today to be briefed and sent to the fire. Under present weather conditions, the fire is continuing to spread and is moving from the residential area and into old burn sites.

• 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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