

Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

SU RIVER FIRE

The Central Oregon Type 2 Incident Management Team (IMT) assumed command of the fire at 10:00 p.m. Saturday night. The fire is located west of the Susitna River near the south end of Trapper Lake. An evacuation order remains in effect for residences surrounding and near Trapper Lake. Cooler temperatures and higher humidities reduced fire activity yesterday. Six fire crews will take advantage of today's damp weather conditions to construct fireline on the north end of the fire near the south end of Trapper Lake, while two Hotshot crews will build fireline on the southern perimeter. Access into the fire remains a challenge. Crews are being flown by helicopter into camps established on both sides of Trapper Lake. For more information, call **907-495-6235**.

CARIBOU HILLS FIRE

A Type 2 IMT is managing the fire. Light precipitation yesterday and cooler temperatures today aid firefighting efforts on the 52,000-acre Caribou Hills Fire. Despite the weather change, fire activity remains active along the west and east perimeters. Fuels and limited accessibility continue to hamper containment efforts. Resources will work the western flank, where the fire is south of Deep Creek, to build a fire break to halt forward movement of the fire. Dozer line is being constructed west and northwest of Moosehorn and Caribou Lake subdivisions to provide a fuel break to protect structures, while firefighters are also within the subdivision working on structure protection. Residents are reminded that Oilwell Road is closed and there is no permitted access into the area due to continued safety concerns. There is another public meeting tonight at 7 pm at Ninilchik School in Ninilchik, in the gym. For more information contact: **907-714-2484** or visit www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency to find the latest news releases, maps and photos.

OTHER

- Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs as Temporary Flight Restrictions are in effect over multiple incidents in Alaska. Fire air operations personnel ask that pilots please respect TFRs as there have been numerous incursions of private aircraft that create dangerous situations in areas where firefighting

aircraft are at work. For specific information, visit:
<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>

- Burn restrictions are in place. Please contact your local Division of Forestry for information or look on the back of your burn permit for the number to call. Also, Red Flag Warnings are in effect for the Copper River Basin and the northeastern slopes of the eastern Alaska Range. The warnings mean that conditions are such that large wildfires could occur.

- One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Saturday. The small fire is now out. It was started by a fisherman who shot a flare in the general direction of a bear. So far this year 289 fires have been reported to AICC and roughly 158,900 acres have burned.

- See Additional References on next page.

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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