

Morning Highlights

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SMOKE

Due to a light, easterly wind component, drift smoke from various fires throughout the state may be present in different areas:

- Smoke from the Ladue Fire is following the Alaska Highway corridor and may impact Tetlin Junction, Northway, Tok, Tanacross and Delta Junction.
- The Koness River Fire may impact Arctic Village.
- Johnny the Frog Fire, burning between Fort Yukon and Beaver, may impact Beaver and Steven's Village.
- The Jordan Creek and Raven Ridge fires may impact Tanana.
- The Woodchopper 2 Fire may impact Circle Hot Springs and Central.

The drift smoke is expected to be periodic and conditions variable.

FIRE INFORMATION

A map of fire locations may be found at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

LITTLE DELTA FIRE:

The fire is burning roughly 40 miles northwest of Delta Junction and at times is very visible from the Richardson Highway. It has received precipitation and fire activity has moderated. It is roughly 33,450 acres and growth has been to the south and west. The fire is being actively monitored.

CARIBOU HILLS FIRE:

The fire was smoldering and creeping on Monday. Crews patrolled structures in the interior of the fire perimeter. Resources are being released and the fire's management will transition from a Type 2 Incident Management Team to a smaller Type 3 organization. Oilwell Road is open permanently and the Temporary Flight Restriction over the fire has been lifted. Information is being handled by the Soldotna Division of Forestry at 907-262-4124, or visit <http://inciweb.org> to find past news releases, maps and photos.

SU RIVER FIRE:

All resources have been released and the fire is being monitored. Information may still be found at <http://inciweb.org>.

WALDRON CREEK FIRE:

Located near the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, smokejumpers were able to contain the fire by early Monday morning as they spent the rest of the day mopping up. A helispot was established in order to aid in the demobilization process. Smokejumpers plan to demobilize today at noon.

JORDAN CREEK FIRE:

Fire activity was moderate with short crown-runs observed. It is burning well in black spruce, with less activity in mixed hardwoods. Firefighters implemented native allotment and structure protection in the area. The Minto Emergency Firefighter crew is on site and working the fire which is located west of Tanana near the Yukon River.

OTHER

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Monday. So far this year, 330 fires have burned nearly 200,500 acres statewide. Forty-one fires are active statewide while three are staffed. This year 215 fires have been human-caused and 115 have been lightning-caused.

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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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