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Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

375 fires have been reported this year for 226,628 acres burned. There were 10 new fires reported yesterday: 3 in the Upper Yukon Zone, 3 in the Tanana Zone, and 4 in the Southwest Area.

There are 69 active fires in the state: 9 in the Galena Zone, 15 in the Tanana Zone, 15 in the Upper Yukon Zone, 6 in the Fairbanks Area, 5 in the Tok Area, 14 in the Southwest Area, 1 in the Kenai Peninsula, and 4 in the Mat-Su Area. All are being monitored closely. 214 fires have been human caused and 161 have been lightning caused.

Big Creek (#420)

- A staging area was set up at Ruby to assist with fire operations. AFS aircraft were used to transport gear and/or personnel to fire. The aerial firefighting aircraft (scoopers) worked the fire for 2.5 hours. One Type 1 crew and 3 Type 2 crews arrived this afternoon to assist with fire operations. Retardant has been ordered. There are 24 smokejumpers and approximately 20 firefighters on the fire. The last load of smokejumpers will construct a hose lay along the right flank. Paracargo operations were completed by J-12 to assist with hose lay. Fire behavior was extreme with observed torching and running.

Applegate Creek (#399)

- The fire, which is located north side of the Elliot Highway and west of Minto, had no spread or growth due to rain on Thursday. Smoke jumpers and Type 1 crews were reassigned to other incidents. Structures will be assessed and protection plans initiated tomorrow.

Dugan Hills (#385)

- The fire was lightning caused and is located southwest of Minto and south of the Elliott Highway. Crews contained the fire and reported smoldering behavior during mop-up operations. They estimate control tomorrow at 1500 and plan on demobilizing at 1800 after a final grid.

Jordan Creek (#372)

- The fire is located northwest of Manley Hot Springs and is 11,280 acres. The fire was flown by AFS aircraft. It was 70% active, creeping with group torching in Black Spruce. Winds on the fire were out of the southwest at 5-10 mph. The fire is burning well along the edge of the old burn, but less active within the burn. The Tanana squad was transported to the fire by boat to assess and continue allotment protection. Personnel will continue allotment assessment with helicopter support.

Boney Creek (#416)

- One load of smokejumpers responded to the fire and was supported by AFS helicopters. Air attack and the two aerial firefighting aircraft (scoopers) worked to cool the perimeter and reduce the fire's spread. The Chena Hot Shots crews were transported to the fire and type 2 crews have been ordered. The paracargo aircraft was out of service with mechanical issues for part of the day so the firefighters were unable to receive their entire paracargo order. Crews will continue to use pumps and hoselays to attack the fire. 66 personnel are on working on the lightning caused fire which is at 700 acres and is located southwest of Tanana.

Teklanika (#408)

- Fire is air access only. Terrain is difficult to walk through due to large tussocks and thick brush. There are cabins along the Teklanika River approximately three miles to the west. Fire behavior was smoldering. Hot areas were worked up to 200' in on the perimeter. East side is contained by a creek and swamp. Portions of the western perimeter are also contained by a swamp. Most of the observed smokes were inside the fire line in duff and a birch stand. The lightning caused fire is being staffed by the Fairbanks #2 & 4 crews. The fire is located southwest of Nenana.

Franklin (#392)

The staff has transitioned to a new Incident Commander today & demobed the last 8 Smoke Jumpers. Fire is 60% contained; 100% containment is estimated for end of shift 7/7. No problems are anticipated, based on available resources & predicted weather. No acreage increase today. The 220 acre fire was lightning caused. It is located west of Flat in the Innoko Wilderness Area.

Other Information

- Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs as Temporary Flight Restrictions are in effect for the following fires: Applegate and Dugan Hills. These TFRS may be lifted later today, please check your NOTAMs before flying. The TFR include a 5 mile radius around the fire and a 5,000 foot ceiling. Fire air operations personnel ask that pilots please respect TFRs and avoid airspace over wildland fires, even if a TFR is not in place, because of safety concerns. For specific information, visit: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>.

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>