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# Morning Highlights

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## HIGHLIGHTS

375 fires have been reported this year for 250,647.9 acres burned. There was 1 new fire reported yesterday: it is located in the Tanana Zone.

There are 66 active fires in the state: 9 in the Galena Zone, 15 in the Tanana Zone, 14 in the Upper Yukon Zone, 6 in the Fairbanks Area, 5 in the Tok Area, 12 in the Southwest Area, 1 in the Kenai Peninsula, and 4 in the Mat-Su Area. All are being monitored closely. 216 fires have been human caused and 159 have been lightning caused.

### Otter Creek

- At 1:20 PM, an AFS aircraft flew the fire and reported it to be 5 acres, burning in black spruce, 80% active with some isolated torching. The direction of growth has been mostly eastward and upslope away from the Christian River. At 2:15 PM one load of 8 smokejumpers responded and began initial attack. A second load of smokejumpers was ordered and arrived at 6:45 PM. Smokejumpers began working the tail and flanks of the fire while a tanker dropped retardant at 8:30 pm in support of the smokejumpers. By 9:00 pm the size of the fire had increased to approximately 80 acres. The lightning caused fire has 16 personnel working on it. It is located in the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge and north of Fort Yukon.

### Big Creek (#420)

- 112 personnel are working on the fire, which has grown to 3,000 acres. The fire behavior has been reported as extreme with torching, running and spotting observed with rapid rates of spread throughout yesterday afternoon. The following crews are working on the fire:

Allakaket #1 Type 2  
Pioneer Peak Type 1  
Tanana #2 Type 2

Midnight Sun Type 1  
Ruby Type 2

### **Applegate Creek (#399)**

- The fire, which is located north side of the Elliot Highway and west of Minto, has low activity, but smokes remain with potential for future fire growth. Resources completed structure identification and assessment. Fire camp was moved to Manley Staging due to bears in the area. Tomorrow all operations will take place out of Manley while resources monitor fire behavior and complete a photo survey of all structures. The fire received light rain and there was no perimeter growth.

### **Jordan Creek (#372)**

- The fire is located northwest of Manley Hot Springs and is 11,280 acres. The south end of the fire was most active today around Cheyenne Creek. The north end of the fire had minimal activity due to light rain. Sprinklers were put in place on one structure and the Tanana #2 squad started brushing to secure around allotments. Tomorrow, personnel will continue securing allotments.

### **Boney Creek (#416)**

- A saw line was completed halfway up the right flank with hoselay. The entire fire was walked and hot spotted once. Tomorrow, crews will continue saw line and hoselay. Four type 2 crews were transported to the fire and supplies were dropped by paracargo. 61 personnel are on working on the lightning caused fire which is at 700 acres and is located southwest of Tanana. The following crews are assigned to the fire:

Chena Type 1  
Northstar Type 2  
Stebbins #2 Type 2

Noorvik #1 Type 2  
St. Marys Type 2

### **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)

- IC anticipated 95 - 100 % containment by the end of shift on 7/7 & crews will work towards mopping up 100 feet in from the perimeter on 7/8. Spot weather forecast request submitted for 7/8. Acreage decrease due to better mapping (GPS). It is located west of Flat in the Innoko Wilderness Area. The following crews are working on the fire:

Lower Kalskag Type 2  
Shageluk Type 2

Nikolai Type 2

### 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](http://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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