

# Morning Highlights

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## FIRE INFORMATION

### NEW FIRES:

Fifteen new, lightning-caused fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Sunday. Firefighters responded to three of the new fires:

- The Chu Fire (#447) is staffed by eight smokejumpers. Rain on the fire aided the initial attack efforts.
- Seven smokejumpers, a CL-215 water-scooping aircraft, and an aerial support module responded to the Slate Creek 2 Fire (#442), approximately one mile south of Coldfoot. The fire was burning in scattered spruce and tundra, and personnel made good progress toward containment.
- Joe Guay Island Fire (#441) was reported to be burning approximately one mile west of the Beaver Village runway. Air Attack aircraft and two CL-215s responded but were diverted. Four smokejumpers were able to contain the fire by Sunday evening and are mopping up. They expect to demob tomorrow.

So far this year, 390 fires have burned nearly 258,200 acres statewide. Currently, 80 fires are active. Humans have caused 216 fires and lightning has started 174 fires.

### EXISTING FIRES:

#### **OTTER CREEK FIRE (#430):**

The Fort Yukon #2 Emergency Firefighter crew is assigned to the 98-acre fire and will continue to secure the perimeter and mop up. Smokejumpers will be demobilized.

#### **BIG CREEK FIRE (#420):**

The 3,000-acre fire was very active Sunday with torching, running and spotting observed and rapid rates of spread throughout the afternoon. The Midnight Sun and Pioneer Peak Type 1 crews and the Allakaket #1, Ruby and Tanana #2 Type 2 crews are staffing the fire.

#### **BONEY CREEK FIRE (#416):**

The 700-acre fire received more resources. The Chena Hotshots and four Type 2 crews (Noorvik #1, Northstars, St. Marys and Stebbins #2) are staffing the fire. Good progress was made Sunday on both flanks and fire behavior moderated with smoldering and deep burning in hardwoods.

#### **KONESS RIVER FIRE (#348):**

Paracargo operations Sunday supported smokejumpers on the 6,412-acre fire. Pumps were installed to aid them in securing a spot fire west of the Koness River. Fire activity was moderate and smokejumpers worked through the day to secure the spot fire.

#### **JORDAN CREEK FIRE (#372):**

Personnel cut a sawline around allotments and worked on structure protection. The fire received light precipitation and was creeping and smoldering.

**FRANKLIN FIRE (#392):**

The fire is 100-percent contained. Crews extinguished several hot spots on Sunday and are working to mop up inside the perimeter up to 300 feet. There are still concerns about the potential for strong gusty winds associated with thunderstorms. The Nikolai Emergency Firefighter crew will demob today and Lower Kalskag and Shageluk will remain.

**For additional fire information, please visit:**

**<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>**

**For a map of where fires are located throughout the state, visit:**

**<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>**

**OTHER**

Five Emergency Firefighter crews are being mobilized to travel to fires in Utah on Tuesday morning. The crews that will be going to the Lower-48 are: Kiana #1, Koyuk, Huslia #1, Delta #2 and Noorvik #2.

Two CL-215 medium, water-scooping aircraft are en route to Alaska to boost the current fleet of firefighting aircraft in the state. They are from Buffalo Airways in the Northwest Territories, Canada.

Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs as Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) are in effect over three fires. 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>

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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](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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