

Morning Highlights

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Weather conditions are cool but areas in the northern half of the state lack precipitation. Yesterday in a 24-hour period, Alaska received 7,062 lightning strikes ranging from McGrath to the central part of the interior and into the Brooks Range. Detection flights to look for new lightning-caused fires are planned today.

FIRE INFORMATION

Six new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Tuesday. Seven smokejumpers responded to one of the new fires, Kilolitna River, and had the fire contained by this morning. So far this year, 417 fires have burned 310,500 acres statewide. Currently, 89 fires are active.

Christian River 1 Fire (#451):

Smokejumpers worked to secure the fireline and find hotspots in the interior of the fire. Three smokejumpers were demobilized and an Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crew was hired but unable to be shuttled to the fire due to weather conditions. The Arctic Village EFF crew had to remain in Arctic Village and will be flown to the fire today.

Otter Creek Fire (#430):

The Fort Yukon 2 EFF crew continued mop-up on Tuesday and no visible smokes were seen along the perimeter. The fire received heavy rain.

Big Creek Fire (#420):

The 35,000-acre fire was creeping and smoldering Tuesday. Precipitation and high humidity aided firefighters in their fireline-building efforts on the northern flank. The fire is 40-percent contained. Five EFF and three Type 1 crews will continue to secure the fireline and mop up today.

Boney Creek Fire (#416):

Crews made good progress on Tuesday, but there is still a lot of work to do and the fire did not receive much precipitation. A sawline was completed around 80-percent of the perimeter and much of it is also set up with pumps and hose. Today crews will continue extending the sawline and hose-lay. Seven EFF crews and the Chena Hotshot crew are staffing the fire.

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>

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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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