



Morning Highlights

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FIRE INFORMATION

Five new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. Two smokejumpers were deployed to the Tom Cook Slough Fire (#484), burning roughly 18 miles north of Huslia, for cabin protection. So far this year, 422 fires have burned 312,300 acres statewide and 92 fires are active.

Big Creek Fire (#420):

Crews worked to secure fireline in some areas and mop up in others. The 3,500-acre fire showed minimal spread on Wednesday and fire activity consisted of creeping and smoldering. The Allakaket #1, Grayling, Kaltag #2, Ruby and Tanana #2 Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews and the Denali, Midnight Sun and Pioneer Peak Type 1 crews are staffing the fire.

Boney Creek Fire (#416):

Good progress was made on the fire Wednesday and the sawline around the fire was completed. Mop up continues on the 777-acre fire. The Allakaket, Ft. Yukon #3, Noorvik #1, St. Marys, Stebbins #2 and Venetie #1 EFF crews, plus the Chena Hotshots and Northstars agency Type 2 crew are staffing the fire.

Christian River 1 Fire (#451):

The Arctic Village EFF crew was shuttled to the fire Wednesday and worked with two remaining smokejumpers to secure the perimeter and mop up. The fire is 88 acres.

Otter Creek Fire (#430):

The 98-acre fire received a substantial amount of rain and is now contained. Crew demobilization will take place tomorrow.

Jordan Creek Fire (#372):

Personnel (Scammon Bay EFF crew and a Tanana Squad) worked Wednesday at completing sawlines around Native Allotments. The fire received half an inch of rain yesterday afternoon and the Native Allotment protection is expected to be complete by end of shift on Friday.

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

Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs as Temporary Flight Restrictions are in effect within the state. 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>

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