



Alaska Interagency
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Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

442 fires have been reported this year for 331,057.9 acres burned. There were 7 new fires reported yesterday: 1 in the Tanana Zone and 6 in the Galena Zone. All of the fires are being monitored.

There are 99 active fires in the state: 24 in the Galena Zone, 28 in the Tanana Zone, 26 in the Upper Yukon Zone, 5 in the Fairbanks Area, 1 in the Kenai Peninsula, 12 in the Southwest Area 1 in the Tok Area and 5 in the Mat-Su Area. All are being monitored closely. 217 fires have been human caused and 223 have been lightning caused.

Big Creek (#420)

- Creeping and smoldering was observed on the fire. Areas have been completed (Division A). Crews continued to work to secure Divisions B & C (right flank). Three additional Type II crews Noorvik, Stebbins and St. Mary's arrived today. Incident Command will begin moving resources to secure the eastern edge of the fire. This fire is located near Ruby and 175 personnel are working on it at this time.

Crews on the Fire:

Allakaket #1 Type 2
Grayling Type 2
Midnight Sun Type 1
Ruby Type 2

Denali Type 1
Kaltag #2 Types 2
Pioneer Peak Type 1
Tanana #2 Type 2

Boney Creek (#416)

- The fire continues to smolder. The aggressive mop up by 3 crews in the ash pits along the Boney River has been successful. The plan is to demob 3 crews on 7/15. 107 personnel working on the fire. The fire is located southwest of Tanana.

Crews on the fire are:

Allakaket Type 2
Noorvik #1 Type 2
Stebbins #2 Type 2

Ft. Yukon #3 Type 2
St. Mary's Type 2
Venetie #1 Type 2

Wild (#443)

- The Chena Hotshot crew secured perimeter along southern edge of fire for one mile from the Koyukuk River. The Northstars secured southern perimeter along 3/4 mile north along the river corridor. Scammon Bay mopped 50` to 100` in heavily timbered Koyukuk bluff. Re-occurring daily weather with hot mornings and evenings, with heavy mid-afternoon thunderstorms, continues to hamper efforts to thoroughly check for hot spots.

Crews:

Chena Type 1

Northstar Type 2

Scammon Bay 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
- 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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