

Morning Highlights

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EMERGENCY FIREFIGHTER CREW UPDATE

For the third time this season, a jet left Fort Wainwright carrying five Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews to the Lower-48. The Stebbins #1, Kaltag #1, Mt. Village, Chevak #1, and Holy Cross EFF crews left Sunday for Montana - Great Falls (three crews) and Billings (two crews) - from which they will be assigned to wildland fire incidents.

FIRE INFORMATION FOR THE LOWER-48

National fire activity was moderate Sunday, with 203 new fires reported. Ten Type 1 Incident Management Command Teams (IMTs), 16 Type 2 IMTs, four Wildland Fire Use Teams, two National Incident Management Organizations, and two Area Command Teams are assigned. Additional information about the national situation may be found at: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or visit: http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php

FIRE INFORMATION FOR ALASKA

Five new, lightning-caused fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Sunday. Due to limited access, five personnel responded via boat and ATV to a fire in the Tok Area that was smoldering in black spruce. It was contained at .7 acres. The other four new fires are in monitor status. So far this year, 469 fires have burned nearly 354,830 acres statewide. Three fires are staffed:

Datkokan Creek (#528):

Sixteen smokejumpers responded to the 100-acre fire Sunday. Two CL-215 water-scooping aircraft and an Aerial Supervision Module, used to coordinate air operations, provided support. A helicopter made water drops from a bucket and shuttled the Beaver/Stevens Village EFF crew and supplies to the fire. Smokejumpers worked to lay hose. The Arctic Village EFF crew will be hired and transported to the fire today.

Charley River (#409):

The 2,459-acre fire was smoldering on the north side and showed a significant amount of heat. Most of the activity on Sunday was on the south and east flanks and smokejumpers continued to lay hose-lines and set up pumps in preparation for burn-out operations. Precipitation on the fire did not allow burn-out operations to occur, but they may be conducted at a later time if weather conditions improve. The smokejumpers will be replaced with Fire Specialists from BLM Alaska Fire Service and National Park Service personnel.

Big Creek Fire (#420):

The fire will be demobilized by this afternoon. All crews have been released.

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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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