

Morning Highlights

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RESOURCE ASSIGNMENTS TO THE LOWER-48

As of this morning, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) estimates that over 630 people from Alaska are on wildland fire assignment in the Lower-48. This includes 24 fire crews plus 172 people in various supervisory positions. (Note: These numbers change daily as new orders are received and as resources are released off of incidents.) Agencies with personnel currently assigned include the State of Alaska, the Bureau of Land Management, the USDA Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Four of the wildland fire engines sent by the State of Alaska to Montana arrived in Missoula over the weekend. The remaining six will be rolling into Missoula on flat-beds today and tomorrow. Some, if not all, of the engines will be assigned to the Mile Marker 124 Fire, 19 miles southeast of Missoula. The intense ground fire is threatening structures, power lines and a petroleum pipeline.

Initial attack was light Sunday with 133 new fires reported nationally. The national Preparedness Level remains at its highest, PL-5. More detailed information is found at: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or visit a map to see locations of incidents: http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php

FIRE INFORMATION FOR ALASKA

Three new fires were reported to AICC Sunday. Two small lightning-caused fires were reported, one in the Tok Area and one in the Mat-Su Area. The third fire was caused by a five-year old playing with matches in the Copper River Area. The fire ignited black spruce and immediately threatened several homes. State and local firefighters suppressed the fire in addition to numerous smaller fires caused by the main fire. This is a good reminder to please be cautious with anything outdoors that could start a fire, and for parents to please keep incendiary devices away from children.

So far this year, 482 fires have burned over 358,710 acres statewide. Currently 73 fires are active; none are staffed, all are in monitor status.

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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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