

Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Alaska Type 1 Incident Management Team (IMT) is being sent to California to the Horse Fire, burning in the Cleveland National Forest. The fire is burning in heavy fuels, and inaccessible terrain is hampering containment efforts. The IMT consists of an Incident Commander and appropriate general or command staff personnel assigned to manage an incident. The Alaska Type 1 IMT is comprised of personnel from agencies throughout the state. They leave today to go to the fire which is located in the hills east of San Diego, or 33 miles east of El Cajon. For information about the national situation visit: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>, or view a map of large incidents at: http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php
- The Blair Lakes Fire, burning southeast of Fairbanks, was started by lightning in early July in an area of Limited Protection. The current warm, dry weather has caused the fire to become more active again and it was last estimated to be five acres and growing. The land manager, BLM, has officially designated the fire for Wildland Fire Use. This means that it was a naturally ignited wildland fire that will be managed to accomplish specific, pre-stated resource management objectives in predefined geographic areas outlined in Fire Management Plans. The current acreage is small, but adjacent to it are fuels that promote fire growth (spruce trees). The fire is expected to grow with the warm weather and a column may be visible from the Fairbanks area. Though smoke may be visible, it is not expected to impact Fairbanks. The nearest areas of concern are 15 miles away.
- Smoke from the Parks Highway Fire is not expected to impact Fairbanks today, but fire activity is expected to increase with the warm weather and smoke may move over Nenana and into the Minto Flats. For more information about air quality, visit: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Three small new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Sunday. Currently 21 fires are active in Alaska, none are staffed. AICC reports that so far this year 263 fires have burned nearly 239,415 acres statewide.

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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>
- 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>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.