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Morning Highlights

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PRESCRIBED BURNS

CREAMERS FIELD:

If weather conditions are favorable, the Alaska Division of Forestry will conduct a burn today in Fairbanks at Creamers Field on behalf of Creamers Field Management and the Department of Fish and Game. The burn is expected to start at 1:00 p.m. in one of the grass fields between the fairgrounds and the barn and will have a short duration. The purpose of the burn is to promote wildlife habitat. The prescribed burn will not be ignited unless winds are forecasted to carry the majority of the smoke up and out of Fairbanks. Smoke will be visible in Fairbanks.

CHENA LAKES FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT:

Yesterday, the Alaska Fire Service, in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, was able to burn a good portion of the Remote Arm acreage, located near North Pole. Today, the Midnight Suns and Chena Hotshots, in addition to other fire personnel, will work to finish burning 80 acres and complete the project. The purpose of the burn is to reduce the amount of grasses and mature willows across roughly 347 total acres so that impounded flood water can infiltrate the ground. The burn will also improve wildlife habitat by promoting new growth of willows and blueberries. Smoke will be visible and may persist in the area for several days. The prescribed burn will not be continued unless winds are forecasted to carry the majority of the smoke away from populated areas.

NENANA RIDGE:

The Alaska Division of Forestry, in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game and the Ruffed Grouse Society, successfully burned 30-acres at Nenana Ridge (halfway between Fairbanks and Nenana) yesterday to improve grouse habitat.

FIREWISE TIP OF THE DAY

The State of Alaska Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week will continue until May 18. Take the time today to ensure that emergency personnel can locate and access your home in the case of a wildland fire emergency. Make sure that road signs and house addresses are clearly posted. Address markers should be at least four inches tall on a contrasting color background and visible from all directions of travel for at least 150 feet. If your house is set back from the street, road, or trail, post your address or name at the entrance of your driveway and at any appropriate intersections (when multiple homes are along a single driveway).

WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Three new fires were reported Wednesday to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center. Two of the fires were started by military training exercises and the other by an unattended campfire.

BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information, please contact your local Division of Forestry office:

<i>Fairbanks Area:</i>	907-451-2626
<i>Delta Area:</i>	907-895-2106
<i>Tok Area:</i>	907-883-5134
<i>Mat-Su District:</i>	907-761-6312
<i>Kenai-Kodiak Area:</i>	907-260-4269
<i>Valdez/ Copper River Area:</i>	907-822-5536
<i>Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):</i>	907-766-2120

For additional State of Alaska burn permit information, please visit:

<http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/burnpermits.htm>

**In Anchorage, please contact the Anchorage Fire Department's Wildfire Mitigation Office at 267-5020.*

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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://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://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/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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