



# Morning Highlights

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## HOMESTEAD FIRE



Located: Kenai Peninsula, east of Mile Post 144.5 along the Sterling Highway.

The human-caused fire was reported at 10:00 p.m. on May 19 and is under investigation. It is estimated to be 300 acres and 20-percent contained. Structures in the area are not immediately threatened. Four fire crews are assigned (Pioneer Peak, Gannett Glacier, Denali, and Nikolai). Also working the fire are air tankers, helicopters, smaller fixed-wing aircraft, smokejumpers and fire engines. A total of 92 people are staffing the fire. The expected control date is May 24.

The entire western Kenai Peninsula is under a burn suspension until further notice. This includes all permitted burning, burn barrels, and burning of yard debris. Cooking and warming fires are not included in the suspension; however extreme caution is necessary due to dry conditions. You are responsible for fires that you start.

For more information about the Homestead Fire, call 907-260-4261 or email [homesteadfire@gmail.com](mailto:homesteadfire@gmail.com). Photo courtesy of BLM Alaska Fire Service Smokejumpers.

## NEW FIRES

Fire activity is picking up throughout the State. Four new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday. One fire started on military lands during training exercises on the Stuart Creek Impact Area; two fires started in the Fairbanks Area, both human caused and now contained; and one fire started in the Delta Area due to a downed powerline and is expected to be contained this evening. So far this year, 110 fires have burned roughly 853 acres statewide. Six fires are active statewide, two are staffed.

## TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Homestead Fire. Pilots are advised to check NOTAMs for TFRs in Alaska. Fire air operations personnel ask that pilots please respect TFRs as private aircraft that intrude on wildland fire airspace create dangerous

situations with firefighting aircraft at work. For specific information, visit:  
<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>

## **PRESCRIBED BURNS**

Alaska Fire Service Military Zone prescribed fire is planned today on the DMPTR (Digital Multi-purpose Training Range), northeast of Eielson Air Force Base, weather permitting.

## **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](http://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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