



Morning Highlights

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HOMESTEAD FIRE

Fire crews worked Wednesday to cool the hot spots found in logging-slash windrows, log decks and muskeg. Equipment is starting to be released. The fire is being more accurately mapped, but is currently estimated at 400 acres. For more information about the Homestead Fire, call 907-260-4261 or email homesteadfire@gmail.com.

NEW FIRES

Six new human-caused fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. All of the fires were under an acre except for the Wiggle Fire in the Mat-Su Area, reported west of Wiggle Creek. Firefighters, a helicopter with a bucket, and fire prevention personnel responded to the 6.5-acre fire that consumed grass and a structure. Eight personnel staffed it through the night and will finish putting out the fire today. So far this year, 116 fires have burned roughly 772 acres statewide. Nine fires are active statewide; three are staffed.

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS

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>

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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See next page for additional references

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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