



# Morning Highlights

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## FIRE UPDATE

Six new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center over Memorial Day Weekend; all were human-caused.

Alaska has two staffed fires, both on the Kenai Peninsula: the 9.5-acre Emerald Fire (expected to be contained this evening), and the 4-acre Poppy Ridge Fire (contained last night).

So far this year, 138 fires have burned nearly 1,185 acres statewide.

## RED FLAG WARNINGS PROMOTE FIRE POTENTIAL

Red Flag Warnings are in effect this afternoon for strong winds along the Copper River and through channeled terrain for western Prince William Sound. A Red Flag warning means that conditions are occurring or are expected to occur which could lead to the development of large wildland fires, should they be caused by lightning or humans. More information about the warnings may be found at: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php> Contact your local Alaska Division of Forestry office for permitted burn restrictions and information.

## BURN PERMIT INFORMATION

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/burn/>

*\*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/06Firewise.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/burn/>
- 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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