



Morning Highlights

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FIRE UPDATE

Five new human-caused fires and a false alarm were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center yesterday. Two small grass fires were started on Fort Richardson due to military training exercises and both were immediately extinguished by military and range personnel. Firefighters responded to a fire that originated in the dump at Pilot Point and contained the fire at 6 acres. Two small grass fires occurred in the Mat-Su area and are now out. Firefighters also responded a 2-acre fire in the Mat-Su and were able to contain and control it.

So far this year, 145 fires have burned nearly 1,192 acres statewide.

WEATHER UPDATE

Starting tomorrow and extending into the weekend, warmer temperatures and light winds out of the N-NW will bring drier conditions to much of Alaska. The potential for wildland fires increases as fuels such as grasses dry out and relative humidity decreases. Many areas in Alaska have a lot of wildland fire potential today, including the Matanuska Susitna valleys, the Copper River Basin, the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak.

BURN PERMIT INFORMATION

Burn permits are issued by the Alaska Division of Forestry. To obtain burn permits and information about permitted burn restrictions, 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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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/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
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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