



# Morning Highlights

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*\*\*Unless there is significant fire activity over the weekend, Morning Highlights will next be updated on Monday, June 2\*\**

## **WEEKEND WILDLAND FIRE POTENTIAL**

Weekend weather predictions are for warmer temperatures and lower humidities throughout much of Alaska. This means that the potential for fire to spread easily through grasses and dried vegetation will generally increase as the weekend progresses.

Enjoy your recreational activities and remember to use caution with anything that could accidentally start a fire— including campfires, off-road vehicles, fireworks and cigarette butts. Please adhere to burn permit regulations (more information below).

For information about burn barrels, safe campfires, and more, visit the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group website and refer to section D (Brochures and Educational Materials): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>

## **FIRE UPDATE**

State and local firefighters responded to four fires and a false alarm Thursday. All of the fires were under an acre and are now out or contained. According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, so far this year a total of 150 fires have been reported and have burned 1,193 acres statewide.

## **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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## 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>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- 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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