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WILDLAND FIRE POTENTIAL

Weather predictions are for warm temperatures through Tuesday for much of Interior Alaska, followed by a cooling trend and higher humidities into next weekend as low pressure moves into Alaska from the north.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect today through 10 PM for gusty winds in Interior Alaska and the Copper River Basin. The 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.

Lack of moisture is a large factor in some areas of Alaska, such as the Copper River Basin, that have had cooler temperatures but are still very dry and prone to spreading a wildland fire.

Enjoy your summer 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.

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 five fires over the weekend. 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 158 fires have been reported and have burned 1,265 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: (see next page...)

Fairbanks Area:	907-451-2626
Delta Area:	907-895-2106
Tok Area:	907-883-5134
Mat-Su District:	907-761-6312
Kenai-Kodiak Area:	907-260-4269
Valdez/ Copper River Area:	907-822-5536
Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):	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
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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