



Morning Highlights

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This report will next be updated Monday, June 9

FIRE UPDATE

Two small fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Thursday.

- o A fire engine responded to the Tolovana Fire and firefighters hiked to find the fire, and located it on the riverbank smoldering in the trees. The less-than-an-acre fire is east of Colorado Creek Trailhead, near the Tolovana River.
- o The Tommy Point Fire, reported by a Wildlife Trooper from Iliamna, was flown by a local aircraft and reported to be burning in grass and shrubs toward heavy timber with beetle-killed trees. Firefighting aircraft and smokejumpers were unable to locate the fire and returned to base. During another inspection, an Alaska Division of Forestry aircraft spotted the area but due to less wind and a drizzle, the fire appeared to naturally be out. It will be checked today.

The Three Lakes Fire, located roughly 45 miles SE of Fort Yukon, is now estimated to be 150 acres.

So far this year a total of 171 fires have been reported and have burned 1,678 acres statewide.

PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED FOR MILITARY

The BLM Alaska Fire Service (AFS) prescribed burn that was planned for yesterday was cancelled due to weather conditions. The burn may occur this weekend. When the burn happens, it will be near Delta Junction on the Donnelly Training Area-Oklahoma Training Range for the US Army Alaska. Firefighters from AFS will be on-site to execute the burn as well as ensure containment of the fire at designated boundaries. Smoke may be visible near Delta Junction.

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.

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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