



Morning Highlights

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FIRE UPDATE

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) website reports were updated Sunday; however, due to server issues, you may not have been able to access current information. For additional information about fires that occurred over the weekend, visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/intel.php>

Eight new fires were reported to the AICC over the weekend. All were small and are now out or contained, except for the lightning-caused Glenn Creek Fire, which is an estimated 280 acres and burning in the Yukon Charley Rivers National Preserve.

One of the new fires that started over the weekend on the Kenai Peninsula experienced acreage-gain during a time when there were very high humidities. Wind was the driving factor for the fire's spread in damp conditions that otherwise would not have promoted growth as easily. Please be aware that weather conditions may not appear to be conducive to fire-spread, however, vegetation can dry out very quickly.

Alaska had nearly 700 lightning strikes Sunday. Thunderstorms that occur may or may not be accompanied by precipitation and have the potential to start new fires.

So far this year a total of 183 fires have been reported and have burned 2,000 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.

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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