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# Morning Highlights

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## **FIRE UPDATE**

One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. An Alaska Division of Forestry fire engine and prevention officer responded to a column of smoke in the Mat-Su Area. Upon arrival, fire personnel found a landowner burning five controlled debris piles.

The Ravenwood Fire, reported on June 10 on the Kenai Peninsula, is now contained at 9.4 acres. Smokejumpers and fire engines have been released and the firefighters that remain to continue putting out hot spots will be released later today.

So far this year a total of 191 fires have been reported and have burned 2,527 acres statewide.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, national fire activity was busy Wednesday with 367 new fires reported. Six large fires are burning in California and evacuations and road closures are in effect for several California communities. Large fires are also burning in Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

## **RED FLAG WARNING/ FIRE WEATHER WATCHES**

The National Weather Service in Fairbanks has issued:

- Red Flag Warning (RFW) for today through Friday for strong northeast winds in the Yukon Flats and surrounding uplands.
- Fire Weather Watches (FWW) for today through Friday for the Central Interior and Middle Tanana Valley.

The RFW means that conditions exist or are expected to exist which could lead to the development of large and dangerous wildland fires, should they be caused by humans or lightning. A FWW means conditions could develop into a RFW.

## **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:

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| 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.

## 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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