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FIRE UPDATE

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. So far this year 200 fires have burned 4,188 acres.

National new-fire response was moderate yesterday, according to the National Interagency Fire Center, as 202 fires started. Three large fires were reported in New Mexico along with one large fire each in Texas and Oregon. Currently large fires are burning in: *[State (number of large fires): California (3), Colorado (1), New Mexico (4), North Carolina (1), Oregon (1), Texas (3), Utah (1), Virginia (1)*

Weather conditions are predicted to be warmer and drier into this weekend. Though the fire season has been off to a slow start, indices show that the organic layers below the surface are drying out, especially in the eastern portion of the state. This means that fires that start have the potential to burn longer and deeper into the ground. Remember to use caution with anything that could start a fire while you enjoy your time outdoors.

2008 FAIRBANKS CELEBRATION OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN

This Saturday, June 21, BLM Alaska Fire Service, the Alaska Division of Forestry and the National Park Service will jointly staff a booth at an annual summer event that is sponsored by the Downtown Association of Fairbanks. While celebrating the midnight sun in Fairbanks, drop by booth #241 on 2nd Street (across from Springhill Suites) and find out how to protect your home from wildland fires, use a burn barrel properly and more. For information about the street fair and a map of booths and vendors, go to:

<http://www.downtownfairbanks.com/Events/MSFforms/MSFmain.html>

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

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
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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