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## PRESCRIBED BURN PLANNED FOR THIS WEEKEND

A prescribed burn that has national research and media attention is planned for this weekend. The burn will provide information that will impact Alaskans. Please visit the news release for more information: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/5-26-08%20%20Nenana%20Ridge%20Prescribed%20Burn%20Planned%20for%20Weekend.pdf>

## ALASKA WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

*Right (provided by US Fish and Wildlife Service):  
Smokejumper being deployed to Venetie Village Fire  
6/24.*

*Below (photo by Rich Webster, Division of Forestry):  
The Nonzianuk Fire on 6/25.*



The 20-acre Nonzianuk Fire (pictured above left) that was burning in the Katmai National Park and Preserve is now out.

The Venetie Village Fire is staffed with 6 fire crews and overhead personnel. An additional two crews have been ordered and are expected to arrive tonight. Yesterday the fire spotted across the fireline on the southeast flank. Air tankers delivered several loads of retardant to wet the line and allow fire crews to build additional fireline. A water scooper air tanker also provided support by dropping water on spot fires. The fire is 50% contained (which means 50% of the perimeter of the fire has a secure fire line.) Relative humidities are expected to increase today as a new weather front moves north. Wind speeds are expected to decline slightly and change direction which should help firefighters contain the fire.

Four new fires, two lightning-caused and two human-caused, and one false alarm were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Thursday. Two Smokejumpers were deployed to the Winter Trail Fire near Fort Yukon and an additional two Smokejumpers were deployed to the Montauk Bluff Fire. The Henderson Fire is a lightning caused fire burning in black spruce on the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge near Henderson Slough, about 10 miles north of Chalkyitsik. It is being monitored. Division of Forestry crews responded to a grass fire in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough at mile 11 of the Old Glenn Highway. The fire is now out.

### **EFF CREWS TO LOWER-48**

An additional five EFF crews have been ordered to assist with fires in California. Crews are expected to arrive at the Alaska Fire Service on Saturday and leave on Sunday.

### **NATIONAL SITUATION**

The Alaska Type 1 Incident Management Team (IMT) has been made available for assignment to the Lower-48 and is 3rd on a national rotation list. Incident Management Teams are pre-established teams that are configured with Command and General Staff, and other leadership support positions. The Alaska IMT fills orders not only for wildland fires, but for other emergency situations as well.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, the fire situation in California remains critical where 32 fires have burned 271,576 acres. Fire activity has also increased in Arizona. Overall, 50 large fires have burned more than 350,000 acres across the country. Firefighters were able to contain seven large fires yesterday in Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

### **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>	<i>907-451-2626</i>
<i>Delta Area:</i>	<i>907-895-2106</i>
<i>Tok Area:</i>	<i>907-883-5134</i>
<i>Mat-Su District:</i>	<i>907-761-6312</i>
<i>Kenai-Kodiak Area:</i>	<i>907-260-4269</i>
<i>Valdez/ Copper River Area:</i>	<i>907-822-5536</i>
<i>Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines):</i>	<i>907-766-2120</i>

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.

*-See next page for additional resources-*

## 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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