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Morning Highlights

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The next scheduled update to Morning Highlights is scheduled for Monday, June 30.

PRESCRIBED BURN POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN

A prescribed burn for research purposes originally planned for this weekend has been postponed due to rain.

ALASKA WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Three new lightning caused fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Friday. The Reed River Fire was reported to Bettles Lodge by Frontier Airlines. It is estimated to be about 30 acres in size and is burning in black spruce and tundra. It is in monitor status. The West Fork Fire is located northwest of the Tolovana Hot Springs Dome. It is burning in black spruce and is about 2 acres in size. Seven firefighters were placed on the fire. The Christian River Fire was reported by a passing aircraft. Four smokejumpers responded to the fire. The fire is northeast of Venetie burning in deep moss and brush beneath black spruce on a southeast facing slope.

The Venetie Village Fire is staffed with eight fire crews and overhead personnel for a total of 143 personnel. Hose lays were placed on the east and west perimeters of the fire. Crews and made significant progress securing the west and south flanks of the fire. Thunderstorms moved through the area and increased spot fire activity. Burned acreage has not increased and is estimated to be 710 acres.

EFF CREWS TO LOWER-48

An additional five EFF crews have been ordered to assist with fires in California. Crews will arrive at the Alaska Fire Service Saturday and will 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 2nd 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, California continues to be the most critical area with 33 large fires burning a total of 305,112 acres. Arizona is also experiencing a great deal of fire activity with nine fires burning 36,000 acres.

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.

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

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