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# Morning Highlights

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## **ALASKAN RESOURCES IN THE LOWER-48**

Agencies in Alaska have sent 144 people on individual orders for assignment to wildland fires in the western and southwestern states. The agencies that have sent people include the Alaska Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service.

Three agency-sponsored fire crews are also outside of Alaska (in addition to individuals that have taken assignments). The Chena, Midnight Suns and Yukon fire crews are all in California.

The Tanacross, St. Michael, Ambler, Hooper Bay #1, Nondalton #1, Lower Kalskag #2, Shageluk, Chevak #2, Allakaket and Fort Yukon #3 Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews are in California.

Over 400 Alaskans are in the Lower-48 helping with fire suppression efforts including individuals, agency-sponsored fire crews and EFF crews. This number will frequently change as orders are filled and people return. The DOF-sponsored Gannett Glacier crew received an assignment today and is not included in the number 400.

## **FIVE MORE EFF CREWS BEING SENT TO CALIFORNIA**

Today the Scammon Bay, Noorvik #1, Allakaket #1, Kaltag #2 and Tanana #2 EFF crews will mobilize to depart tomorrow to be pre-positioned at North Ops in California. They will be assigned to fires once they arrive.

## **ALASKA WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE**

One new fire was reported to that Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Monday. The Division of Forestry responded to a .2-acre equipment fire that was spreading into the trees at mile 80 of the Parks Highway. The fire was suppressed and contained but continues to be monitored because the equipment still retained heat.

The Venetie Village Fire, just east of the village, is the only staffed fire in Alaska. It is reported to be 95-percent contained. Crews will begin to be released today.

So far this year 243 fires have burned nearly 7,920 acres statewide.

## **NATIONAL SITUATION**

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, heavy wildland fire activity was reported Monday with six new large fires. California remains the most active state with 27 large fires and 409,046 acres burned. Nationally, there are 46 large fires and

complexes burning a total of 525,673 acres. For more information, visit:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/07-01-08%20National%20Situation%20-%20Key%20Messages.pdf>

## 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](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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