



# Morning Highlights

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Highlights will next be updated July 7, unless fire activity increases.  
For information, visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/intel.php>

## Prevent Wildland Fires this 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday!

You are responsible  
for fires you start...

*Please use caution with  
anything that could start a  
fire as you enjoy your time in  
the outdoors.*

This weekend's weather is predicted to be very summer-like throughout much of the state. Overall warm temperatures and drier conditions will make outdoor recreating very pleasant, but will also increase fire potential. Red Flag Warnings are in effect for several zones in central and interior Alaska. For information on the warnings, visit: <http://firewx.arh.noaa.gov/warnings.php>

### Fire Prevention Tips

- Adhere to burn permit restrictions. Contact your local Division of Forestry for information.
- Ensure that campfires are completely out before you leave them.
- Know the laws and how to safely use fireworks.
- Remember that off-road vehicles, cigarettes, and other hot materials can easily start fires.
- Be safe in all situations while having fun!

## RESOURCES IN THE LOWER-48

The Alaska Division of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service have sent people to help with the fire situation in California and the other western and southwestern states. Below are lists of the resources outside of Alaska:

- Emergency Firefighter Crews: Scammon Bay, Noorvik #1, Allakaket #1, Kaltag #2, Tanana #2, Tanacross, St. Michael, Ambler, Hooper Bay #1, Nondalton #1, Lower Kalskag #2, Shageluk, Chevak #2, Allakaket and Fort Yukon #3.
- Agency-sponsored Crews: Gannett Glacier, Yukon, Chena and Midnight Suns.
- Smokejumpers: 24 individuals.
- Individual's who have filled orders: 144, as of July 1.

In total, over 530 Alaskans are on fire assignment outside of Alaska. The number will frequently change as orders are filled and people return.

## ALASKA WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE



*Photo from FAA weather station camera. Piper Fire.*

Three new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. Two were under an acre and are not of concern. The 10-acre Piper Fire (pictured above) was reported to the Division of Forestry by the Anchorage Fire Department, requesting two Forestry fire engines. Air attack, a retardant tanker and smokejumpers also responded. The fire was contained at 4:00 a.m. today and two crews have been ordered to staff the fire and the smokejumpers are released. So far this year 247 fires have burned nearly 8,295 acres statewide.

### NATIONAL SITUATION

For information, please visit: [http://www.nifc.gov/fire\\_info/nfn.htm](http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm)

### 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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