

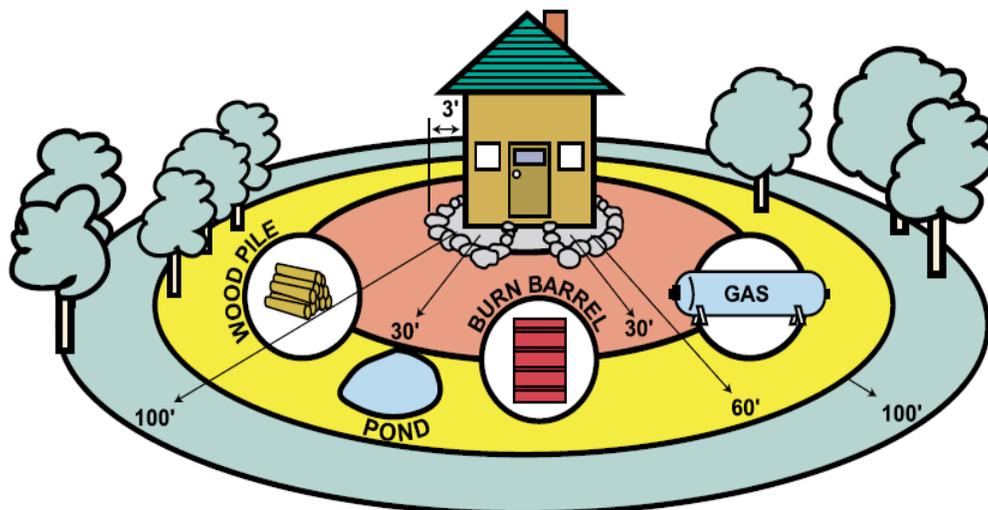
Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Five additional Emergency Fire Fighter (EFF) crews have been ordered to go to wildland fire incidents outside of Alaska. Fifteen EFF crews have already departed the state over the past two weeks to aid in fire suppression in the Lower-48. Tomorrow's jet will take the Allakaket #2, Noorvik #2, Huslia #1, Tanana and Koyuk crews to California.
- No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Sunday. Currently 19 fires are active in Alaska. AICC reports that so far this year 277 fires have burned nearly 269,600 acres statewide.
- The Teklanika Fire is the only staffed fire in Alaska with a total of 43 people on it, including the Fairbanks #2 Type 2 Crew. The values of concern are recreational cabins and allotments along the Teklanika River. The fire showed the most activity along the north and east perimeters yesterday and containment is expected today.
- If you plan on going to the Tanana Valley State Fair, please visit the Interagency Booth (look for the "Society of American Foresters" sign) located at the end of the row on the east side of the fair grounds, same side as Sunrise Field Arena. Educational materials about how to create defensible space around your home and property are provided. For online information visit: <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf> or <http://firewise.org/>.



Use the zone concept for thinning, limbing, and clearing flammable vegetation from around from your home.

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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>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: 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/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.

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