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WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Alaska

Five new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Monday. All of the fires were lightning-caused and an acre or less. Eight smokejumpers responded to the one-acre Veh-Tenjerlow Fire, roughly 14 miles SE of Venetie, to extinguish open flames and set up a pump and fire hose lay. They planned to work through yesterday evening to achieve containment. The remaining four new fires were in the SW portion of Alaska. Two of the new fires were reported as natural outs and the other two were reported to the appropriate land managers and reconnaissance flights are set up for today.

The Goose Slough Fire, roughly six miles NE of Bettles, is the only staffed fire besides the Veh-Tenjerlow Fire. Currently 67 personnel are on the 2,552-acre fire which is 50% contained. The fire is smoldering and minimal growth is expected. Three crews (Denali, North Stars and Pioneer Peak) plus a helicopter continue to work the fire. Pilots, please check NOTAMS as there is a Temporary Flight Restriction in place.

According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center a statewide total of 316 fires to date have burned approximately 71,765 acres.

Lower- 48

As of today, a total of 605 Alaskans from State and Federal agencies are assigned to fires outside of Alaska.

The fifth group of five Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews leave to go to California this morning for fire assignments. The five crews are: Koyuk, Minto #1, Koyukuk, Mat-Su and Nulato #1.

Large fire activity increased in Washington where nine large fires are burning. Firefighters continue to make good progress on the large fires in California, where five large fires should be contained by the end of the week. Nationally, 36 fires or complexes have burned nearly 730,000 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:

Fairbanks Area:

907-451-2626

Delta Area:

907-895-2106

Tok Area: 907-883-5134
Mat-Su District: 907-761-6312
Kenai-Kodiak Area: 907-260-4269
Valdez/ Copper River Area: 907-822-5536
Northern Southeast Area (Skagway/ Haines): 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>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.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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