



Alaska Interagency
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Morning Highlights

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WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Alaska

One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday. The human caused fire on the Chugach National Forest was under 1 acre and was extinguished.

Eight smokejumpers responded to the Veh-Tenjerlow Fire on Monday, July 14, roughly 14 miles SE of Venetie. Quick action by the smokejumpers kept the fire to approximately 1.3 acres. They are mopping up and expect to demob from the fire by 1700 today.

The Goose Slough Fire, roughly six miles NE of Bettles, is the only staffed fire besides the Veh-Tenjerlow Fire. Currently 68 personnel are on the 2,552-acre fire which is 70% 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 317 fires to date have burned approximately 72,115 acres.

Lower- 48

As of July 15, a total of 606 Alaskans from State and Federal agencies are assigned to fires outside of Alaska.

The sixth group of five Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews is being mobilized for fire assignments, probably in California. The crews are expected to leave from Fairbanks on Saturday, July 19. The five crews are: Buckland, Mt. Village, Stebbins #1, Kaltag #1 and Holy Cross.

Firefighters were able to contain seven large fires yesterday, four in Washington and one each in Idaho, California, and Maine. Moderate weather conditions in California have helped firefighters make excellent progress toward containment goals. Currently, 30 large fires or complexes have burned more than 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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