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Morning Highlights

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WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Alaska

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center on Wednesday.

Statewide, there are 39 active fires. The Goose Slough Fire, roughly six miles NE of Bettles, is the only staffed fire. Sixty-Five personnel are assigned to the 2,564-acre fire which is 90% contained. The fire is smoldering and minimal growth is expected. Three crews (Denali, North Stars and Pioneer Peak) plus two helicopters continue to work the fire cold-trailing and mopping up. Crews expect to start pulling in hose today. Pilots, please check NOTAMS as there is a Temporary Flight Restriction in place.

The Three lakes Fire located approximately 16 miles northwest of Circle was active yesterday with numerous interior smokes and some single tree torching. Helicopter bucket drops and water scooper tankers worked the southeastern flank to cool hotspots and hold the fire in check. Rain, higher humidity and cooler temperatures are expected over the next few days. Total acreage burned is estimated at 30,642 acres. The fire is in monitor status.

According to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center a statewide total of 321 fires to date have burned approximately 74,145 acres.

Lower- 48

As of July 16, a total of 697 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 from the Galena Zone are: Buckland, Mt. Village, Stebbins #1, Tok and Holy Cross. They are expected to leave from Fairbanks on Saturday, July 19.

The Scammon Bay, Noorvik #1, Allakaket #1, Tanana #2 and Kaltag #2 crews which left Alaska for duty in California on July 1 will return on Friday, July 18.

Firefighters continue to make progress on the large fires in California, where 18 large fires or complexes are still burning. Three large fires were contained yesterday, one each in Idaho Texas, and Washington. Fire managers are preparing for dry lightning storms expected to hit parts of the northern California and southern Oregon by Saturday.

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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