



Morning Highlights

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The 10-Year AK Fire Average

So far, the 2008 fire season in Alaska is below average when compared with the past 10 years (at the end of July) for acres burned and number of fires. Generally moist, cool weather conditions this summer have prevented significant fire activity throughout the state.

| <u>Date</u> | <u># of Fires</u> | <u>Acres</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 7/31/98 | 359 | 120,673 |
| 7/31/99 | 464 | 1,005,388 |
| 7/31/00 | 334 | 736,833 |
| 7/31/01 | 320 | 221,937 |
| 7/31/02 | 501 | 1,080,673 |
| 7/31/03 | 408 | 486,790 |
| 7/31/04 | 513 | 4,483,647 |
| 7/31/05 | 535 | 1,688,212 |
| 7/31/06 | 272 | 269,560 |
| 7/31/07 | 483 | 365,050 |
| 10-Yr Average | 419 | 1,045,876 |
| Today: 7/24/08 | 327 | 79,319 |

**Numbers provided by the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Predictive Services*

WILDLAND FIRE UPDATE

Alaska

One new small fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Wednesday. State and local firefighters responded to contain the unattended burn pile. So far this year, a total of 327 fires have burned 79,319 acres statewide.

Lower- 48

Though the situation has somewhat moderated, Alaskans continue to help with fire suppression efforts in the Lower-48. Firefighting crews plus individuals that have filled orders makes for a total of 591 people currently assigned to fires outside of Alaska.

According to the National Interagency Fire Center, favorable weather conditions have helped firefighters in California make good progress toward containment goals. Seven large fires in California are expected to be contained within the next few days. Currently, 25 large fires or complexes in 10 states have burned more nearly 736,000 acres. More information is found at: 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:

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| 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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