



Morning Highlights

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Lower-48 Situation and Information

Emergency Firefighter Crews (EFF): The 7th group of five EFF crews (Kaltag #1, Hooper Bay #2 + #3, Nondalton #2 and Upper Kalskag) will leave this morning to be prepositioned in Redding, California. They will be assigned to fires when they arrive.

Lower-48 Fire Situation:

- o According to the National Interagency Fire Center, firefighters in California contained the Basin Complex at 162,818 acres on Sunday. The Telegraph fire near Mariposa, California, made another significant run and is now 26,130 acres. Several residents have been evacuated. Australia and New Zealand are providing 44 fire specialists and managers to assist with fire suppression operations in California. Two Modular Airborne Firefighting System C-130 military air tankers from North Carolina are also supporting the State of California.
- o Currently, 25 large fires or complexes in nine states have burned 541,622 acres. Firefighters continue to make good progress on line construction, with six expected to be contained in the next couple days.
- o Two unrelated fatalities occurred, one July 25 and one July 26. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the fallen firefighters.

Alaska Statistics

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
7/28/08	334	79,528

**Provided by AICC Predictive Services. Numbers are not the final seasonal statistics. They show the past 10 years # of fires and acres burned up to the end of July.*

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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