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Morning Highlights 2008-59

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## Fire Information

**Alaska:** No fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center yesterday. Cooler temperatures and moist to wet conditions dominate the weather picture across the state.

**Emergency Firefighter Crews (EFF):** The 5<sup>th</sup> group of five EFF crews (Koyuk, Minto #1, Koyukuk, Mat-Su and Nulato) will return to Fairbanks this afternoon following 14 days of duty in California.

**Lower-48 Fire Situation:** According to the National Interagency Fire Center, firefighters contained the Hell's Half Complex and Gap Fire in California yesterday. The Telegraph Fire near Mariposa, California remains active.

A total of 25 complexes and fires have burned 532,950 acres. Three large fires were contained and two new large fires were reported.

Two unrelated firefighter fatalities occurred in California, one July 25 and one July 26. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the fallen firefighters.

## Tanana Valley State Fair Booth



The 2006 Society of American Foresters and State of Alaska fair booth.

The 2008 Tanana Valley State Fair in Fairbanks is August 1-9. If you attend the fair, please visit the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and State of Alaska booth. Primary themes for the booth this year will be: FireWise (protecting your home and property from wildland fire), Current Fire Information, and Wood Energy. Materials on these themes and more will be contributed by many cooperators.

## Alaska Fire 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
<b>10-Yr Average</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>1,045,876</b>
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](http://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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