



Alaska Interagency  
Coordination Center



# Morning Highlights

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*Morning Highlights will be updated regularly once fire activity increases.*

## Prevent! Prepare! Be Aware!

**Prevent!** Remember, it only takes a spark to start a fire! Be cautious with anything that could start a wildland fire- even the unexpected. Recreational activities, based on the time of year and weather conditions, may lead to unintentional fires. Learn about safe burning practices, debris burning, and burn barrels at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/> and <http://www.youtube.com/user/AlaskaDNRDOF>.

**Prepare!** How Fast Can Your House Run?! Homeowners can take effective measures to protect their homes and property. Adopting Firewise principles can reduce the risk of damage or loss due to a wildland fire. Several resources are available including the Firewise Alaska brochure (<http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>), Rural Alaska Fire Prevention movie ([www.mediabasket.com](http://www.mediabasket.com)), <http://www.youtube.com/user/AlaskaDNRDOF>, or a local Division of Forestry (DOF) office.

**Be Aware!** Fire Information Sources The Interagency Coordination Center website <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/> provides current fire information, maps, statistics, and more.

## April 30- May 4 is Prevention and Preparedness Week – Prevent! Prepare! Be Aware!

Governor Sean Parnell has signed a proclamation designating April 30 through May 4 as Alaska Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week.

Interagency firefighting personnel encourage you to not only prevent wildland fires this summer, but to also prepare for them. Be aware of sources for additional fire-related information.

In our Alaskan fire-prone ecosystems, it is not a matter of “if” wildland fires will occur, but a matter of “where” and “when.” While lightning-caused fires are part of a complex, natural process across the landscape, it is the unwanted human-caused fires that pose the most direct, but preventable, risk.

Please use caution with anything that could start a fire. Your personal and collective community prevention and preparedness efforts create a safer Alaska.

**Fire Season Outlook Materials**  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/outlooks.php>  
Podcast:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/weather/camtasia/seasonal%20outlook.html>

## Prescribed Burn Projects

For information about specific prescribed burn projects that are planned to occur this month, visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.