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Morning Highlights

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Highlights will next be updated Monday, May 14, unless fire activity significantly increases.

Prescribed Burns Projects

Prescribed burns are dependent on weather conditions. While smoke may be visible from these projects, they are not conducted if winds are such that smoke will be carried into heavily populated areas. Once a burn is started, fire personnel continue to monitor wind and smoke closely. If conditions change unexpectedly, fire personnel will take measures to minimize further impacts. The duration of the burn depends on the size of the area being treated and the fuels. In general, these projects have a short duration of activity. Additional prescribed burn information is available at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.

Potential projects, based on weather conditions:

Tuesday, May 8 - Fort Wainwright Small Arms Range, located just south of Fort Wainwright proper. The vegetation is primarily grasses and brush. The main objective will be to create a fireline (by burning to remove vegetation) around two separate units, within the 2,000 acre complex. The burn itself would be about 600 acres. The burn will be conducted by that BLM Alaska Fire Service Military Zone.

This week- pending weather and military training schedules

Oklahoma Range, located 25 miles west of Delta Junction, adjacent to Delta River and 100 Mile Creek. The vegetation is primarily grasses and brush. The project would include somewhere between 8,000 up to 20,000 acres, pending weather and wind conditions. The main objective is to ensure that Air Force training activities are not altered due to a wildfire occurrence. The burn will be conducted by that BLM Alaska Fire Service Military Zone.

As early as Friday, May 11

Chena Flood Control Project, located off the Richardson Highway near Moose Creek, northeast of North Pole, and is managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The vegetation is primarily grasses and brush. The project would include 146 acres. The main objective is to reduce the amount of woody vegetation to better impede the infiltration of impounded water to maintain the silt bed. A secondary goal is to improve habitat for moose and other wildlife by promoting new growth of willows and blueberries. It will also break up the continuity of fuels to reduce the risk of a large wildfire. The burn will be conducted by that BLM Alaska Fire Service Military Zone.

Richardson Training Area (JBER), located north of Anchorage. The vegetation is primarily grasses. The project would include roughly 290 acres of the Small Arms Complex, 184 acres of the

ISBC Range, 676 acres of the IPBC Range, and 378 acres of MPTR Range. The main objective is to reduce the flammable vegetation to further enable unimpeded training opportunities as the wildfire season approaches. The burn will be conducted by that BLM Alaska Fire Service Military Zone.

Information Gathering/Additional References

www.twitter.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **@AK_Forestry**
Bureau of Land Management account: **@BLMAlaska**
National Park Service account: **@AlaskaNPS**
US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **@USFWSAlaska**
Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

www.facebook.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AK.Forestry**
Bureau of Land Management account: **BLMAlaska**
National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**
US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **USFWSAlaska**

www.youtube.com

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
 - Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- 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
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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