



Morning Highlights

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Highlights will next be updated Friday, May 18.



Fire Information

Four new human-caused fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) on Tuesday. Palmer 911 requested the Volunteer Fire Department and Forestry respond to three that were .1 acres or less and originated from some form of debris/grass burning. Anchorage Fire Department and the Division of Forestry responded to the 1.6-acre A Street Fire, which is under investigation.

Reminders!

- Debris burns tend to be in close proximity to homes and other structures and pose immediate risk to people and values. Burn Permits are required and safe burning practices must be followed: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn>.
- Home and property owners can learn more about protecting their values from wildland fire at: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise02.pdf>.

According to AICC, so far this year 70 fires have burned 144 acres

May 15, A Street Fire. Photo by Jason Jordet, DOF Air Attack.

statewide. For more information about the current fire situation, visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.



Prescribed Burn 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>. The photos above and below are from a grass burn at Creamer's Field in Fairbanks, Tuesday. Firefighters conducted the burn on behalf of the Department of Fish and Game to enhance wildlife habitat and reduce the potential for uncontrolled wildfires. Photos by Maggie Rogers, DOF Information.



Potential project for this week- based on weather conditions and military training schedules:

Oklahoma Range (as early as this weekend), 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 the BLM Alaska Fire Service Military Zone.