



Morning Highlights

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Because of the holiday weekend, Highlights will next be updated Tuesday, May 29.

Prevent Wildland Fires Memorial Day Weekend!

use caution with fire in the outdoors

- Ensure all campfires are out before you leave them.
- Learn before you burn! DOF Burn Permit information: <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>.
- You are responsible for fires that you start!

**Nearly 70% of
wildland fires are
human-caused
and therefore,
preventable!**

Be safe and enjoy the holiday.

Fire Prevention

Cooler, damper weather conditions have decreased fire potential in many areas around the state that have had recent high to extreme fire danger indices. For those who plan to travel around the state in observance of the holiday, we remind you that not all of Alaska has received precipitation and some locations still have higher fire potential. In general, the driest locations are in the northern and southwestern areas, in addition to portions of the Copper River Basin and the western Kenai Peninsula.

Historically over the Memorial Day holiday weekend a number of new wildfires have been accidentally or negligently started due to escaped campfires, fireworks, spring debris burning/yard cleanup, and other recreational activities.

Remember

- Make sure campfires are completely extinguished
- Use fireworks carefully and only where

legal

- Adhere to Burn Permit regulations (<http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>). Call DOF before you burn to see if Burn Permit suspensions have been issued. A suspension is a temporary restriction on open burning and only pertains to DOF Burn Permits.

Fire Information

According to AICC, this year a total of 106 fires have burned nearly 178 acres statewide. Refer to AICC Situation Report for additional information:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>. Fire-related news releases are posted at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.

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
National Park Service account: AlaskaNPS

- 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/nature/fire/>
- 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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