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# Morning Highlights

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Highlights will next be updated Wednesday, May 30.

## CL215 Air Tankers in Alaska



*CL215 drops water on a fire on the Seward Peninsula in 2004. Photos courtesy of BLM Alaska Fire Service.*

Two CL215 air tankers, on contract with the BLM Alaska Fire Service, have arrived from Minnesota for the 2012 fire season. The CL215s amphibious water-scooping aircraft draw water from lakes or bodies of water that are a mile or longer and free of debris. The tankers can hold up to 1,400 gallons. The water is drawn into tanks in approximately 10 seconds as they skim across the water.

The CL215 aircraft became regularly used in Alaska on fires starting on June 7, 2004. On that day, they were used to knock down the 20-acre South Fork Fire that was burning roughly five miles southeast of Bettles. They were then diverted to a lightning-caused fire 15 miles southwest of Minto. Since then, they have become a regularly-used tool to fight fires in Alaska.

If these aircraft are circling above a large body of water, it is likely that they are looking for an opportunity to refill their tanks. If you are on the water and see them, please make room for them to scoop.

## Fire Information

Three human-caused fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) over the holiday weekend. Each of the fires were human-caused and less than an acre. Two were in the

Mat-Su Valley, one was in the Fairbanks area. Thanks to all who used caution and helped prevent additional fires.

According to AICC, this year a total of 109 fires have burned nearly 199 acres statewide. Refer to AICC Situation Report for additional information:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

### **Information Gathering/Additional References**

#### **[www.twitter.com](http://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**  
Bureau of Indian Affairs: **@BIA\_DFWFM**  
Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

#### **[www.facebook.com](http://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**  
Bureau of Indian Affairs account: **BIA-Forestry-and-Wildland-Fire-Management**

#### **[www.youtube.com](http://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/>