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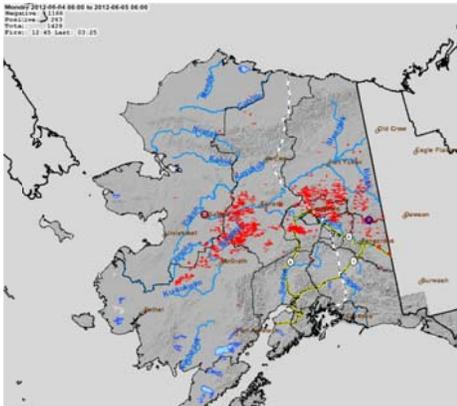
# Morning Highlights

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Highlights will be updated Friday, June 8.

## Lightning strikes start new fires throughout Interior



On Tuesday, 25 new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC). All of the fires, with the exception of a one-acre, human-caused fire that occurred on Kodiak Island, were caused by lightning. The 1,429 lightning strikes throughout interior Alaska were concentrated in a band across the state from the east to the southwest. Based on the lightning information that was received, fire personnel went on detection flights yesterday to look for new starts. Near real-time lightning information is available on the AICC website at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>.



The 750-acre Kokrines Hills Fire, pictured at left, was the largest fire reported to AICC, burning in black spruce, tundra, and tussocks, 25 miles south of Indian Mountain. (Photo by Will Hutto)

Seven of the new fires were staffed. Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers responded to six fires in the western portion of the state, in the Galena Zone. A helicopter and engine from the Division of Forestry responded to a fire near Standard Creek Rd, burning in the creek bottom near Goldstream Creek. The White Mountain fire crew, a load of

smokejumpers, and a retardant tanker were requested to assist. Refer to the AICC Situation Report for information about individual fires <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>. According to AICC, a total of 146 fires have burned nearly 1,437 acres statewide.