



Morning Highlights

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Morning Highlights will be updated Monday-Friday.

Fire Boss Aircraft Arrive in Alaska



Fire Boss aircraft at Alaska Fire Service. Photo by Bruce Smith, DOF.

Three Fire Boss aircraft arrived at the BLM Alaska Fire Service (AFS) on Sunday and will remain in Alaska until the end of June. They were brought on to support the AFS firefighting fleet through a national contract. They are single engine air tankers (SEATs), have water-scooping capability, and carry up to 800 gallons. While SEATs have been used in Alaska before, most recently in 2004, the Fire Boss have not been used in Alaska in this configuration.

Weekend Fire Activity

Six new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) over the weekend; five were less than an acre and human-caused, the sixth was a 30-acre lightning-caused fire that was reported as “a black spot with no visible smokes.” Abandoned campfires and debris burning contributed to the weekend fire activity.

Two fires are staffed, the 20-acre South Fork Fire is staffed with 39 people, including the Chena and North Star fire crews, and the 1,200-acre Kogoluktuk River Fire is staffed with eight smokejumpers.

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 176 fires have burned nearly 26,165 acres statewide.

Information Gathering/Additional References

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