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Support to the Lower-48

It is still early in the Alaska fire season. While current fire activity has decreased and weather forecasts are not as conducive to fires starting or growing quickly, fire managers are balancing the opportunities to support the national firefighting community while continuing to be able to respond to fires in Alaska. The northern portion of Alaska, especially the northwest, is warm and dry.

National competition for resources has increased primarily due to fire activity in the Southwest (Arizona and New Mexico) and Rocky Mountain (Wyoming and Colorado) areas. Because of current fire activity and predicted forecasts, the Midnight Sun Hotshot Crew has been made available nationally. Alaska has also filled miscellaneous orders to send individuals to fill support positions.

Incident Management Teams are pre-established teams that are configured with Command Staff and General Staff, and other leadership and support positions. A Type 1 IMT responds to the most complex of incidents, not limited to wildland fire. Alaska has one Type 1 IMT. The Alaska team is currently second on the national Type 1 IMT rotation list. On June 17, the Alaska IMT will rotate into first. The rotation list is at http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/imt_rotate.pdf. This means that if there is a national need for additional Type 1 IMT support, the Alaska team be assigned.

Fire Information

Four new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) on Monday. All of the fires were one acre or less. Three fires were lightning-caused, one was human-caused and is controlled and now in monitor status. All of the lightning-caused fires were reported as “black spots” with no fire activity observed. Due to Alaska’s broad landscape and potentially widespread or more remote thunderstorms, it is not uncommon to have small fires start from lightning strikes and burn until they are naturally put out by precipitation or until they run up against a less burnable surface and naturally go out. Fires that are natural outs are still reported for purposes of record keeping and fire history.

The 1,600-acre Kogoluktuk River Fire, roughly 30 miles NE of Kobuk, is the only staffed fire and is expected to be demobed today, after it is contained.

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 180 fires have burned nearly 30,395 acres statewide.

Fire Boss Aircraft Arrive in Alaska

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.



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

Information Gathering/Additional References

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Alaska Division of Forestry: **@AK_Forestry**

Bureau of Land Management: **@BLMAlaska**

National Park Service: **@AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service: **@USFWSAlaska**

Bureau of Indian Affairs: **@BIA_DFWFM**

US Forest Service: **@ChugachForestAK, @TongassNF, @AKForestService**

Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

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Alaska Division of Forestry: **AK.Forestry**

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National Park Service: **AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service: **USFWSAlaska**

Bureau of Indian Affairs: **BIA-Forestry-and-Wildland-Fire-Management**

www.youtube.com

Alaska Division of Forestry: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service: **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/>
- Bureau of Indian Affairs: www.bia.gov/nifc/
- 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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