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Fire Boss in Alaska

BLM Alaska Fire Service (AFS) employees had the opportunity to observe the capabilities of three Fire Boss, Amphibious Air Tractors, as they performed proficiency drops at Ladd Field on Ft. Wainwright on Wednesday. Based in Minnesota, these Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATs) are

the only three of this particular type of aircraft currently working in the United States; this is their first deployment to Alaska. While the Fire Boss can carry retardant, it's equipped with specialty floats, designed to skim water off of lakes, reservoirs, rivers, ponds, or any body of water that offers an unobstructed straight-away for one mile. The availability of water combined with the remote locations of fires in Alaska make the Fire Boss an attractive resource. The AFS will be evaluating the use of the Fire Boss planes under a short-term contract which will also serve to augment their fleet of aerial firefighting resources coming into the traditional time frame for increased fire activity. Photo by, Maggie Rogers, Division of Forestry.

Fire Information

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Wednesday. No fires are staffed. According to AICC, a total of 180 fires have burned nearly 33,006 acres statewide. Refer to the AICC Situation Report for additional information <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.