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Morning Highlights

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Morning Highlights will next be updated on Monday, June 18.

Support to the Lower-48

Wildland fire activity in Alaska is minimal, though conditions continue to be very dry in the northern portion of the state. Because it is still early in the season, fire managers are balancing requests to provide support the national firefighting community with the ability to respond to fires in Alaska.

Alaska has made an assortment of resources available. Besides miscellaneous support personnel, the BLM Alaska Fire Service Midnight Sun and Division of Forestry (DOF) Pioneer Peak Hotshot crews are available nationally. Currently 20 Hotshot crews and 62 Type 2 Initial Attack crews are available nationwide. The Alaska Type 1 Incident Management Team, a pre-established team that is configured with Command Staff and General Staff, and other leadership and support positions, continues to be second on the national Type 1 IMT rotation list. The Alaska IMT will slide into the number one slot on June 17 at roughly 5 p.m. Alaska time. The rotation list is at http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/logistics/teams/imt_rotate.pdf. A Type 1 IMT responds to the most complex of incidents, not limited to wildland fire. Alaska has one Type 1 IMT.

Fire Information

There were 21 lightning strikes recorded in Alaska Thursday, most of which occurred around Fairbanks and the Western Tanana Valley. A human-caused fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Thursday. The DOF responded to the fire on the Kenai that turned out to be the remains of a smoldering structure. Since no wildland area was affected the DOF did not take action and the fire was handled by the local Nikiski Volunteer Fire Department. According to AICC, a total of 182 fires have burned nearly 34,686 acres statewide. Refer to the AICC Situation Report for additional information <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

National Fire Information Resources

Several large fires continue to dominate the news headlines in the Lower-48. The Southwest and Rocky Mountain areas in particular have topped the National Situation Report for fire activity in recent weeks. The National Situation Report (<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>) is a daily updated overview of all wildland fire activity in the United States. It contains statistical information on new starts, year to date totals on acreage and areas burned, as well as general weather forecast for the regions and a safety message. The National Situation Report is a tool used by internal and external audiences for nationwide fire information.

Information Gathering/Additional References

www.twitter.com

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

www.facebook.com

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-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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