

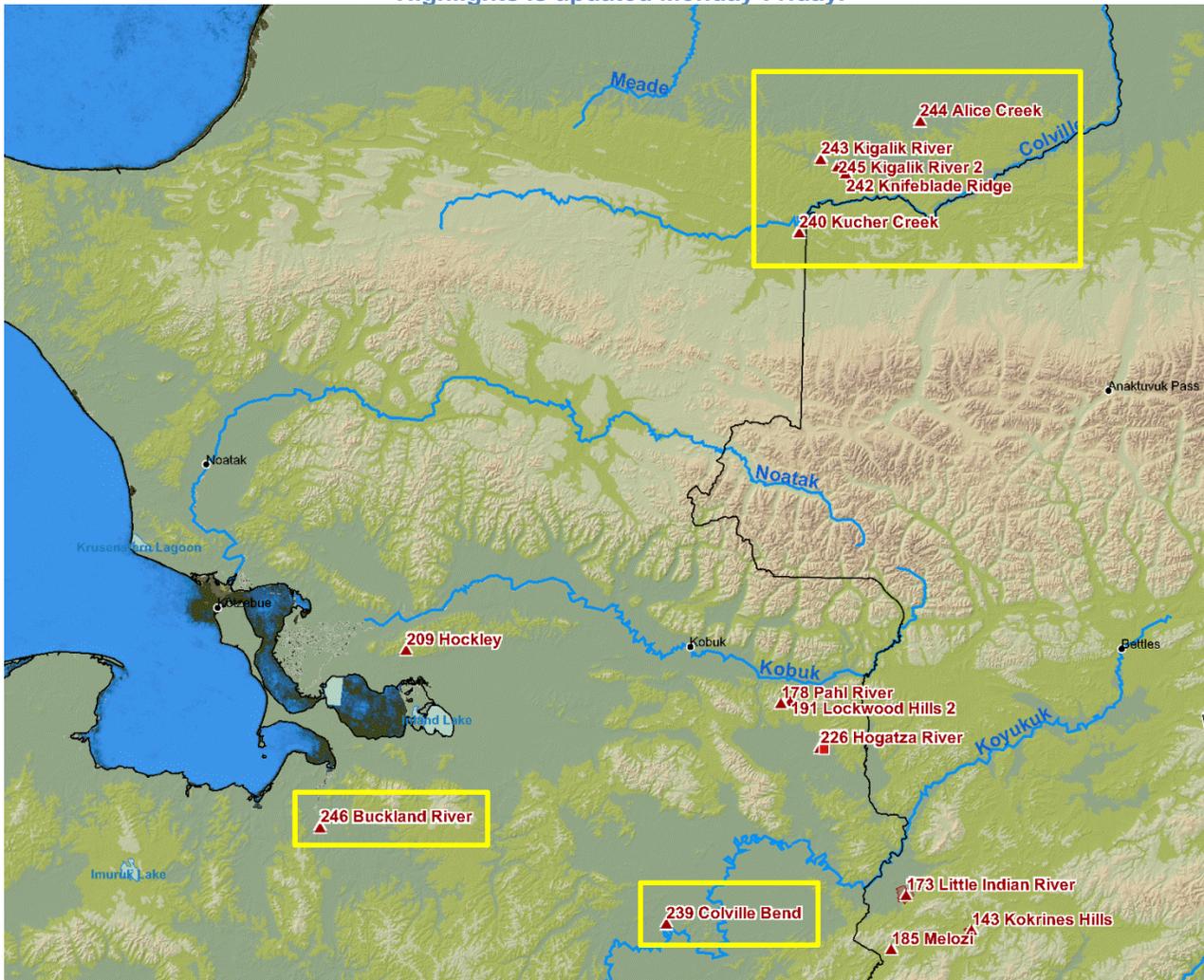


# Morning Highlights

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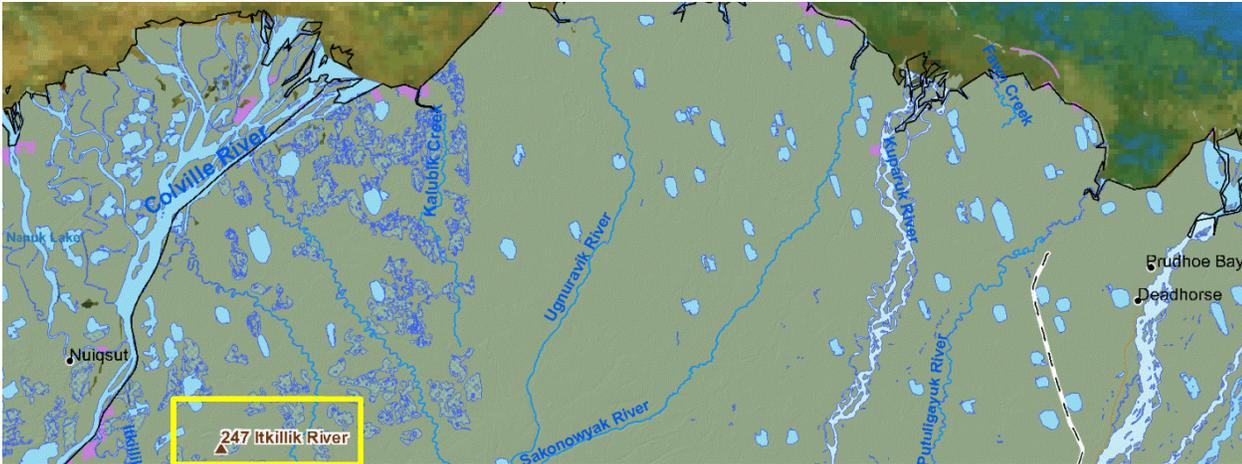
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## Fire Information

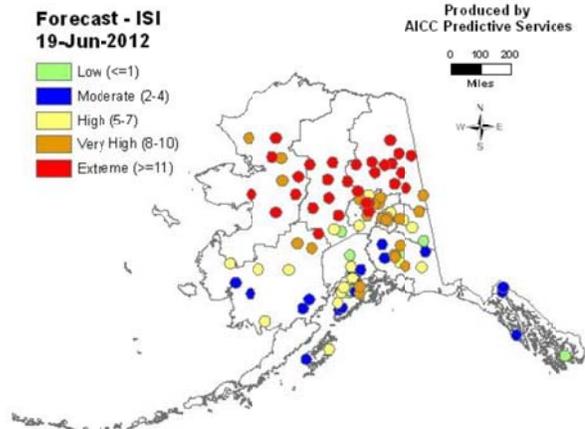
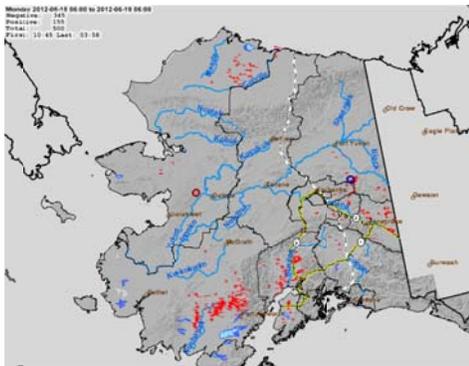
Eight new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Monday. Except for a small human-caused fire in the Fairbanks Area, all of them were lightning-caused and in the western portion of Alaska (see yellow boxes in map above). The only new lightning-caused fire that is staffed is the 364-acre Buckland River Fire, which was reported by a resident of Buckland. Smokejumpers, Air Attack, and the three Fire Boss aircraft were launched. The aircraft worked into the night and then recovered to Kotzebue.



This morning, a new fire was reported to AICC; the Ikillik River Fire (#247). The new fire is on the North Slope, approximately 53 miles southwest of Deadhorse/approximately 10 miles southeast of Nuiqsut, on the east side of the Colville River burning on State land. Additional information will be available later in the day.

According to AICC, a total of 217 fires have burned nearly 40,012 acres statewide. Refer to the AICC Situation Report for additional information <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>. A map of statewide fire locations is at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/preds/vcs/maps.php>.

### Fire Activity in Alaska Picks Up



Continued warming and drying throughout the state this week makes for pleasant summer weather, but

it also means that if there are ignitions, either lightning or human-caused, there could be a fire that starts and grows quickly. Potential for fire spread (map on right) is Extreme, where the red dots are, and Very High where the orange dots are.

The 500 lightning strikes in Alaska yesterday (map on left) were scattered throughout the state. Because the lightning has been wide spread, firefighting resources that are not already assigned to fires have been strategically prepositioned so as to be ready to respond quickly. For example, with fire activity in the north, the two CL215 air tankers and Air Attack are going to be prepositioned to Bettles; smokejumpers will be prepositioned in McGrath, Galena, and Fairbanks; and Pioneer Peak Hotshot Crew has been made unavailable for national assignments and is available instate. The AK Type 1 Incident Management Team continues to be number one on the national rotation list but has not yet been needed.

## National Fire Information

The National Situation Report (<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>) provides a daily 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, general weather forecast for the regions, and a safety message. The National Interagency Fire Center also provides national fire information at: [http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo\\_main.html](http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo_main.html).

## Information Gathering/Additional References

### [www.twitter.com](http://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](http://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](http://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://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/visitor/fire/fire.htm>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>

- Bureau of Indian Affairs: [www.bia.gov/nifc/](http://www.bia.gov/nifc/)
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://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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