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Morning Highlights

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Morning Highlights weekend updates will be dependent on fire activity.

New Fire Information

Alaska Interagency Coordination Center reported seventeen new fires on Sunday. Lightning was active across the central and southern interior of the state with 2053 strikes Saturday. Four of the new fires were human-caused, 13 were caused by lightning. The Bear Creek area (Photo by Aliy Zirkle) had four fires all caused by lightning. Bear Creek #3 and Bear Creek #4 are currently staffed. Bear Creek #4 located 21 miles north of Healy was reported by aerial resources as a 600 acre fire. Twelve Smokejumpers were deployed to the fire was observed to have active torching and short runs in continuous black spruce with pockets of hardwoods. The fire was then mapped at 1,500 acres. Fire suppression operations are ongoing. Bear Creek #3 was first discovered as a 50 acre fire burning in black spruce. A helitack crew was assigned to the fire followed by the TCC Type 2IA crew. Retardant was dropped by a heavy tanker on the fire along with water drops by one Fire Boss and two CL-215 aircraft. The fire has grown to 300 acres but the aircraft support helped to slow the rate of spread. The Fairbanks #1 Type 2 crew has also been assigned to the fire.



Fire Information Update

Delta Creek #3 Fire

The 35-acre fire was discovered roughly 22 miles west of Delta Junction by aircraft just before 3:00 PM. Hose lays were extended to support existing lines and personnel worked to secure containment 50 feet in from the line. Progress on the fire is positive.

Allakaket Fire



The Allakaket Fire (Photo by Cammy Roy, AFS) is now 2,600-acres. Crews continue to make progress securing the line on the left and right flanks with the help of aerial firefighting resources to suppress hot spots at the head of the fire. There are 14 federal, state and Emergency Firefighter (EFF) crews working to secure the line on the left and right flanks. Ten smokejumpers have demobed and an additional eight smokejumpers are scheduled for demobilization.

There are approximately 230 personnel working on the fire to include support personnel and the fire is now 30 percent contained. The human-caused fire was started at a local landfill on June 20. (Photo below by Mel Slater, AFS)



More information is available in the AICC Situation Report at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>. A map of statewide fire locations is at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>. According to AICC, a total of 255 fires have burned 108,691 acres statewide.

Prevent Human Caused Fires!

Significant fire potential is the result of warm, dry conditions. Please use caution with anything that could start a fire. Some fires have been caused by sparks from vehicles, chainsaws, and burning yard waste. Know your surroundings and know the conditions for potential fires.

Information Gathering/Additional References

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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: 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/>
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- 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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