



Morning Highlights

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Morning Highlights will next be updated on Friday, July 13.

Lower-48 Wildland Fire Support



Five Emergency Firefighter crews returned to Alaska Wednesday after completing their fire assignment in Utah on the Shingle Fire. When talking to the various crewmembers, they mentioned the heat and the altitude as the most noticeable differences. One firefighter from the Scammon Bay crew had never been outside of Alaska before and came back wearing a cowboy hat and a huge smile. The fire assignment was eye-opening as he also experienced Utah's heat, traffic, and crowds. Otherwise, the assignment was basically routine firefighting that these Alaskan crews are familiar

with. Many of them look forward to their next opportunity to get back out on a fire either in Alaska or the Lower-48.

All of the Alaska Hotshot crews (Pioneer Peak, Chena, Midnight Sun), four of the Type 2 Initial Attack (Gannett Glacier, Yukon, US Forest Service, and Tanana Chiefs), and one of the Type 2 agency crews (North Stars) are ordered or are already on assignment in the Lower-48. The five Emergency Firefighter crews remaining outside of Alaska have been re-assigned to the Knox Canyon Fire in Idaho.

While Alaska is providing support to the Lower-48, the firefighting agencies continue to maintain appropriate staffing levels needed to respond to the ongoing Alaska fire season. This includes the three air tankers that remain in the state (a Convair 580 and two CL215s).

New Fire Information

No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) on Wednesday. Two fires are staffed.

- **Tetilesook Creek-** East of Kiana. Personnel made progress on the 24-acre fire on Wednesday.

- **Uvgoon Creek #1-** Approximately 23 miles northeast of Noatak. Seven smokejumpers were demobilized Wednesday off of the 43,780-acre fire. Plans for today include scouting Native Allotment boundaries and securing the fire perimeter closest to the allotments. Information may also be found on the National Park Service website at <http://www.nps.gov/noat/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>.

According to AICC, a total of 304 fires have burned 199,860 acres statewide. For additional fire information, visit the AICC Situation Report <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> or the Interagency Newsroom <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.

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://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/
- 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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