



Morning Highlights

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Highlights**

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Morning Highlights will next be updated when there are significant changes in the fire activity or resource movement.

Dry Creek Fire Brings Smoke to Fairbanks and Surrounding Areas

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service detected new fire activity over the Dry Creek Fire area located 18 miles south of North Pole, 13 miles south of Eielson AFB and 25 miles south of Fairbanks. The fire was caused by lightning on Jun 23. No fire activity was detected during previous surveillance flights.



The recent fire activity is the result of dryer fuel conditions and higher temperatures over the past week. It is geographically located in a Limited management option area and is not a threat to structures.

Smoke may be visible from Fairbanks and North Pole as fire activity increases in the afternoon. Some areas within the Tanana river valley may experience light smoke during evening inversions as smoke settles in low lying areas. The BLM-Alaska Fire Service continues to monitor the situation.

For more information about the Dry Creek Fire, contact the Fire Information Office at the Alaska Fire Service at 907-356-5511.

Lower-48 and Canada Support

Agencies in Alaska are now providing support to both the Lower-48 and Canada. The amount of resources out-of-state fluctuates and includes fire crews, individual personnel, and aircraft (helicopters and air tankers). The firefighting agencies continue to maintain appropriate staffing levels needed for the current Alaska fire situation.

Crew Specifics: The Agency and Emergency Firefighter crew rotation lists are available at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/logdisp/crews.php>.

Information Gathering

Alaska

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) is the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) for Alaska. It serves as the focal point for initial attack resource coordination, logistics support, and predictive services for all State and Federal agencies involved in wildland fire management and suppression in Alaska. The center operates on an interagency basis - cooperators include the Bureau of Land Management, State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

- The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- AICC Interagency Newsroom: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>.
- National Park Service fire information: <http://www.nps.gov/noat/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>

National



The U.S. is grouped into 11 Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACC): Alaska, Eastern Area, Eastern Great Basin, Northwest, Northern Rockies, Northern California, Rocky Mountain, Southern Area, Southern California, Southwest and Western Great Basin. The map pictured at left shows the states that these geographic areas encompass.

Fire information by GACC:

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/information/information.htm>.

The National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) is located in Boise, Idaho. It is the focal point for coordinating the mobilization of resources for wildland fire and other incidents throughout the U.S. Like the GACCs, NICC also provides Intelligence and Predictive Services related-products.

In addition to the wildland fire information provided on each GACC website, useful sources may include:

- <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- <http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/nfn.htm>
- <http://inciweb.org/>
- http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php (map of large fire locations)

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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