

# AICC

Alaska Interagency  
Coordination Center



# 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 Update



The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service reported the Dry Creek Fire as 5 percent active with smoldering and isolated torching. A surveillance flight was conducted yesterday and the size of the fire is now 28,251 acres. Smoke was very visible throughout the area. The photo at left was taken at the Fairbanks Airport by Maggie Rogers, DOF.

The fire is south of the Tanana River and is geographically located in a Limited management option area. The BLM-Alaska Fire Service continues to monitor the situation.

Surveillance flights occur daily over the area and DOF engines and other personnel are continuing to patrol the area.

The Dry Creek Fire was caused by lightning on June 23 and is located 18 miles south of North Pole, 13 miles south of Eielson AFB and 25 miles south of Fairbanks. The fire is on land co-managed by BLM and the U.S. Army Alaska.

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

## Hodzana Fire

Eight Smokejumpers were sent to the Hodzana Slough Fire, 14 miles southwest of Beaver on the north bank of the Yukon River that was reported by a commercial aircraft at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. It was near a full management option area and there was a possible threat to structures. The fire is

contained and four smokejumpers have demobilized. The remaining smokejumpers are expected to leave this afternoon.

## Lower-48 Support



Agencies in Alaska continue to provide support to both the Lower-48. 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>.

The photo shows members of the Fairbanks #2 Crew working on a fire in the Lower-48. Photo from Mike Goyette, DOF

## 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](http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lg_fire2.php) (map of large fire locations)

## 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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