

Coffee Brief

Date: July 8, 2024

Preparedness Levels & Alaska Fire Activity

Alaska	3
National	3

Light Initial Attack Activity	
New Fires and Acres: 1 fires for 1 acre	

There are currently 7 fires and 1 complex staffed with ~831 personnel. Yesterday's large fire growth ~7,557 acres.

Alaska moves to PL3 @ 0800 today

NONE

Sources: National and AICC Situation Report, AICC Aircraft Logs

Prioritized Incident Details

Top 12 Alaska Priority Summary Based on Most Recent 209's

	New and emerging initial attack within Alaska is #1																		
Priority	Unit	Seq. #	Incident	Descriptive Location	Size in Acres	Yesterday's Acres	Change Since Last 209	% Contained/C ompleted	Expected Contain/Comp lete Date	Suppression Strategy	Complexity (Incident Management Organization)	IC	Total Personnel	Cre	ws Assign	ned T2IA	Helico	pters Assi	igned T-3
2	AKDEP	318	Riley	1 mile north of Denali National Park entrance.	388.0	388.0	-	25%	7/31	Full Suppression	Type 2 Incident	Ed Sanford - Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection	196	8	0	2	0	3	5
3	AKDNS	900	Grapefruit Complex	30 miles NE of Fairbanks on both sides of Highway 2.	87,434.0	87,434.0	-	45%	10/30		Type 1 Incident	Peter Butteri, IC Jake Livingston IC(T)	324	5	0	0	0	1	1
4	AKFWQ	119	McDonald	9 miles southwest of Salcha	148,823.2	148,823.2		- 0%	10/1	Point Zone Protection	Type 3 Incident	IC Kudo IC-T Schumacher	80	2	1	0	0	1	o
5	AKDNS	312	Montana Creek	15 miles south of Talkeetna, AK	174.0	174.0		- 67%	9/30	Full Suppression	Type 3 Incident	Timothy Sherwin, ICT3	107	1	0	2	0	0	o
6	AKDNS	158	Oskawalik River	18 miles south of Crooked Creek, AK.	4,018.0	4,018.0		0%	7/31	Monitor	Type 5 Incident	B.Quimby ICT3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: AMAC Incident Prioritization List, ICS-209s

Resources

Aviation within Alaska	Total
Air Tactical	4
Air Tankers	2
FireBosses	6
Scoopers	0
SMKJ	4
Utility AC	12
Helicopter, Type 1	0
Helicopter, Type 2	15
Helicopter, Type 3	11
Total Aircraft	54

Crews Committed within Alaska						
Type2IA	6					
Type 1	15					
Type 2	6					
Type 1 Module	1					
Type 2 Module	2					
Suppression Module	3					
Total Crews	33					

Incident Mangaement Teams in Alaska							
CIMT	2						
IMT 1							
IMT 2							
IMT 3	2						
Total IMTs	4						

AVIATION

- -Arctic Defender Military Exercises begin today and run through Weds 7/17.
- -J-09, ASM-B61, ASM-K9, S-261/263 all released departed for L48.
- -3ME (Grapefruit AA) remains O/S.

AIRSPACE/TFRs

#318 Riley (TAD): 4/7281 #119 McDonald (MID): 4/7409 #276 Gold King Creek (FAS): 4/6533

SMOKEJUMPER

Anticipated smokejumpers available: ~ 26 SMKJ's committed ~

Smokejumper Demobilizations

Yesterday: #252(UYD): 1 Planned for today:

CREWS

- Rifle Peak and Bonneville IHC demobilizing commercial
- North Star taking 2 days off and will mob to Main #240(GAD) 7/10.

NICC JET MOVEMENT

Jet Mobilizations:

Jet #1 - Arrived 6/24, all Crews on incident - will demobilize 7/9 @1000

Jet #2 - Arrived 6/26, all Crews on incident - will demobilize 7/11

Jet #3 – Arrived 6/29, all Crews on incident – will demobilize 7/13

Jet #4 - Arrived 7/1, all Crews on incident-will demobilize 7/15

OVERHEAD/TEAMS

- 11 pending overhead requests
- CIMT AK Team 2 & 3 both committed to incidents in State.
- IMT3 WY Team 3 Sherwin Will not extend as a whole IMT, may see individual overhead extend.
- IMT3 ID Team will extend to 7/13. Extension paperwork processed and filed.

Source: IROC Reports, National Smokejumper Status Report, AK Incident Aircraft Tracking Spreadsheet & AICC Documentation, 2024 IMT Tracking Report

Weather Summary

Cool and humid weather continues over much of Alaska today, with only the Southeast Panhandle having dry and warm weather. Expect wetting rains over the Interior east of a line from Arctic Village to McGrath again today...drier to the west. South Central and the North Gulf Coast will also have areas of rain.

Wetting rains then move into western Alaska Tuesday and Wednesday as southerly Chinook winds develop through the Alaska Range passes. Once the Chinook is established, it will likely persist for several days. Wind speeds will raise and fall day by day in response to the broader weather pattern, but the basic idea of southerly flow will continue. As is common with Chinook events, there will also be good chances for wetting rains for South-Central Alaska.

Temperatures will climb back up toward seasonal normals by the second half of the coming work week. Thunderstorms are not favored until late in the work week if at all.

Source: Alaska 7-Day Outlook

Fuels/Fire Potential

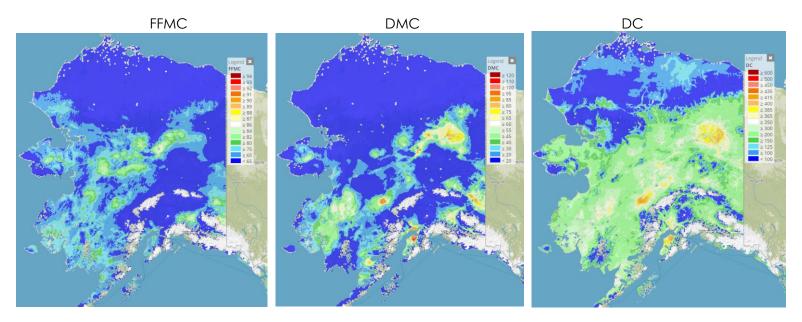
Most of mainland Alaska has received several bouts of wetting rain over the last several days, and values of the fuels codes and indices have come down accordingly. However, some areas have remained dry, and fuels are much more burnable there. These areas include the Yukon Flats, the southeast Interior, and the Copper River Basin.

Source: Alaska 7-Day Outlook

Fuels Status Alaska Fire and Fuels Map

...NO RED FLAG WARNINGS or FIRE WEATHER WATCHES...

Click on the following images for direct links to the maps.



For additional fuels information visit https://akff.mesowest.org/

Sources: AICC Predictive Services – Fuels/Fire Danger web page, Alaska Fire & Fuels web page

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