Coffee Brief

Date: July 1, 2022

Preparedness Levels & Alaska Fire Activity

There are currently 19 staffed fires. Yesterday’s large fire growth was ~185,182 acres.

Resources

AVIATION:
- B4 arrived and is in the A/A line-up

SMOKEJUMPERS:
- Anticipated smokejumpers available: 20
  - ~ 111 SMJ’s committed + 3 as single resources (2 boat operators and 1 ICT3 trainee)
  - Eight smokejumpers demobilized off fire #294
  - Tanana Zone expecting to demobilize 30 smokejumpers, based on aircraft availability and visibility conditions

CREWS:
- Jet #6
- FBK
- Tallac IHC
- AICC Crew Support
- FBK
- Lassen IHC
- AICC Crew Support
- FBK
- Mendocino IHC
- AICC Crew Support
- FBK
- Plumas IHC
- AICC Crew Support
- 5 crew orders still pending at NICC, Jet #7
- Dalton IHC arriving today – assigned to Minto Lakes

OVERHEAD/TEAMS:
- 24 overhead orders currently pending at NICC for Alaska incidents

MISCELLANEOUS:
- Fish Camp Island – new start in Southwest – helitack unable to respond due to visibility – will try again today
- All staffed fires actively working to meet objectives

Weather Summary

...RED FLAG WARNINGS...
Friday and Saturday afternoons/evenings for portions of Alaska’s Interior for widespread concentrated thunderstorms, a fair portion of which will be dry.

Visit NWS Alaska for the latest details at https://www.weather.gov/arh/fire

Thunderstorms will move into the central and eastern interior today and tomorrow, and there will likely be a few thousand strikes each day, with a good chance of starting new fires due to the dryness of the fuels and the limited potential for these thunderstorms to produce wetting rains. Temperatures will also be very warm for the Interior into the weekend, with widespread upper 70s and 80s, and even readings to around 90 degrees in the Upper Yukon Valley.

By the beginning of next week, low pressure may move into western Alaska from the Bering Sea. Such a development would bring wetter and cooler conditions to the western part of the state but would leave much of the Interior and the Panhandle with continued warm and mainly dry conditions.

Fuels/Fire Potential

Surface fuels continue to respond to the warmer and drier weather. FFMC values are highest across the eastern interior and Copper River and holding relatively steady in the Mat-Su and on the Kenai Peninsula. Expect FFMCs to remain elevated across much of the state in the coming days. Southwest Alaska is still experiencing growth on existing fires due to dryness of live fuels, which is not captured in FFMC. There will be continued large fire growth in areas with good ventilation. Fire growth can either be fuels or wind driven. Increased smoke production may limit fire spread.

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Source: Alaska 7-Day Outlook

Light Initial Attack Activity

New Fires and Acres: 6 fires for 165 acres

National

Alaska

Source: National and AICC Situation Report
For additional fuels information visit [https://akff.mesowest.org/](https://akff.mesowest.org/)

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

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**Prioritized Incident Details**

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### Complexity (Incident Management Organization)

Yesterday's #1 Helicopters Assigned Priority

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