

DOF Daily WildFire Update

Haystack Fire (#196)

Acres: Estimated 927

Containment: 30%

Personnel assigned: 204

Location: 18 miles N of Fairbanks

Weather: Cooler, cloudier and wetting rain forecasted

- Cool, humid conditions continue to assist firefighters constructing and improving containment line.
- Acreage increase due to better mapping, not fire growth.
- Dozers making slow progress on the north end, working from east to west.\
- Containment line in place along the western flank of the fire perimeter.
- Crews continue to lay hose lines and install pumps to mop-up hot spots on the perimeter to increase the width of the containment line.
- East side of the fire poses the greatest challenges. There are 8-10 miles of hand line to be constructed in steep and rugged terrain. Dozers cannot operate in the terrain on the east side so crews will be constructing hand line.
- 6 crews assigned to fire (2 Type 1, 3 Type 2IA and 1 Type 2).
- Crews will continue to cut and plumb a saw line along the fire's edge as they work towards full containment.

George Lake Fire #225

Acres: Estimated 6

Containment: 50%

Personnel assigned: 28

Location: 40 miles SE of Delta Jct

Weather: Cooler with rain forecast but gusty, erratic winds are a concern

- Reduced acreage is result of better mapping
- Baker River Hotshots were ferried into fire yesterday by air boat.
- Fire is less than 1 mile from George Lake, which has several cabins around it
- Water bombers doused the fire on Friday to ensure it didn't bust containment lines.
- Minimal fire spread anticipated.
- The eight smokejumperes deployed during initial attack will be released today.
- Nearest water source is ¾ miles away, which presents a challenge getting water to the fire.

About Mountain Fire #193

Acres: 2066

Containment: 20%

Personnel assigned: 96

Location: 6 miles south of McGrath along the east bank of Kuskokwim River.

Weather: Wetter, cooler weather system expected to move in this weekend.

- No fire growth yesterday. Cooler wetter weather has dramatically reduced fire behavior.
- Firefighters have completed structure protection prep on cabins and structures on Cranberry Ridge, about 3 miles north of the fire.
- Smokejumpers are mopping up a slop over on the north side of the fire.
- Cooler, wetter weather is allowing crews to take direct action on the fire.
- Crews are securing line and beginning mop up.
- Not considered a threat to McGrath.

Loon Lake Fire #180

Containment: 100%

Acres: 102

Personnel: 53 (25 will remain with the Type 4 organization)

Location: Remote part of Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, 10 miles northeast of Sterling

Weather: cloudy and cooler today

- No new growth or fire activity with help from cloud cover and precip.
- Transition from Type 3 to Type 4 organization today at noon
- UAF Nanooks Wildland Fire Crew will be staying on fire for the duration with Type 4 organization.
- Last day for Gannet Glacier Fire Crew.
- Gridding and mopping 100 feet or deeper into perimeter.

North Fork #216

Containment: 100%

Acres: 3.2

Personnel: 17

Location: 20 miles NE of Nikolai.

Weather: Cloudy and cooler today.

- No growth or smoke observed on fire.

- Mat-Su Crew (17 persons) was inserted yesterday to replace McGrath helitack (7 persons) so they could be available for initial attack.
- Crew is gridding perimeter of fire for any remaining hot spots.

Minto Lakes Fire (#186)

Containment: 100%

Acres: 28

Personnel: 28

Location: Approximately 50 miles west of Fairbanks

Weather: Cloudy and cooler today with wetting rain forecast

- Full containment achieved on Friday.
- Fire activity is minimal with smoldering and no smoke observed over fire.
- Initial attack squad and North Star Crew will be demobilized today. North Star Crew will go to the Haystack Fire.

Winter Tail #194

Containment: 80%

Acres: 20

Personnel: 22

Location: 14 miles NE of Fairbanks, less than 1 mile from Ft. Knox Gold Mine.

Weather: cloudy and cooler today with wetting rain forecast.

- No new growth or fire activity. No visible smoke on fire as of 6 p.m. Friday.
- Yukon Crew is demobilizing today and will be assigned to the Haystack Fire.
- Fairbanks #1 Crew will replace the Yukon Crew to grid perimeter of fire for any remaining hot spots.
- Helicopter standing by if needed for water bucket work.

Fire Information Resources

- www.akfireinfo.com – Word Press blog with daily fire updates and other information
- <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/AICC%20Situation%20Report.pdf> – Daily Alaska wildfire situation report from Alaska Interagency Coordination Center with daily rundown of fire activity in Alaska.
- <https://blm-egis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/index.html#/a23a625f4d18412ea13cffeefcbe7f5e> - Alaska Interagency Coordination Center dashboard with all sorts of nifty fire information.
- <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/> - Alaska Interagency Coordination Center
- <https://www.facebook.com/AK.Forestry> - Division of Forestry Facebook page. All info that is posted to akfireinfo is posted here as well, along with other fire information. Info from both DOF and AFS is posted here.
- <https://www.facebook.com/BLMAFS> -BLM Alaska Fire Service Facebook page. All info that is posted to akfireinfo is posted here as well, along with other fire information. Info from both DOF and AFS is posted here.
- <https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> - Daily national situation report from the National Interagency Coordination Center with a rundown of fire activity in all regions of the United States and Canada.