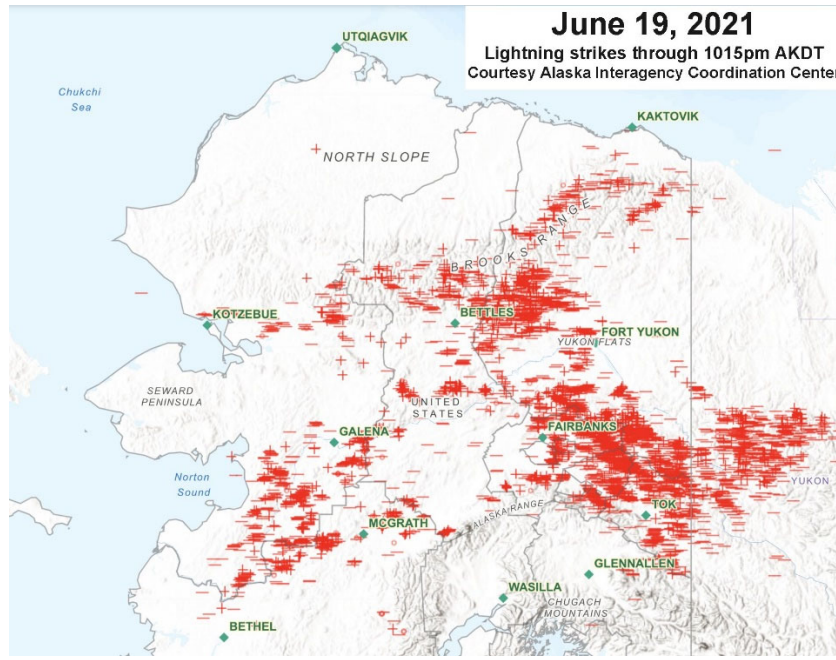


DOF Daily WildFire Update



It was another big lightning day in Alaska, with more than 5,800 strikes recorded as of 10:15 p.m. Saturday, June 19. Most of the strikes were located in the Upper Yukon-Tanana and Fortymile regions. Expect more wildfires to pop up in the next few days as a result.

Haystack Fire (#196)

Acres: Estimated 927

Containment: 30%

Personnel assigned: 249

Location: 18 miles N of Fairbanks

Weather: Drying day today with afternoon thunderstorms.

- Fire is smoldering and creeping in the dry duff, leaves and needles covering the forest floor.
- Crews have detected heat up to 12 inches deep in the duff on the south end of the fire, while on the north side, heat depth is approximately 5 inches. The particularly deep hot spots pose threats to revive the fire if a warm, dry weather pattern returns.
- Cool weather, higher humidity, and relatively calm winds continue to decrease smoke and visible fire activity.
- Firefighters continue to construct and improve containment lines around the perimeter.
- Yukon Crew was added to the mix on Saturday to increase the number of crews working on the fire to 7 (2 Type 1, 3 Type 2IA and 2 Type 2). Also 3 helicopters, 4 engines and 8 dozers working on fire.
- Crews are building helispots to facilitate movement of supplies and firefighters.

- Engines and dozers are also staged in the Haystack Subdivision area, evaluating risk to homes in the area and providing information to homeowners to reduce hazards.

George Lake Fire #225

Acres: 6

Containment: 70%

Personnel assigned: 20

Location: 40 miles SE of Delta Jct

Weather: Cooler with rain but clearing Sunday afternoon.

- 20% increase in containment; no new growth.
- 8 smokejumpers demobed on Saturday and Baker River Hotshots (20 persons) took over the fire.
- Crew is mopping up inside the perimeter and working to get water on the fire.
- Fire behavior described as minimal and smoldering; no fire spread anticipated.
- Nearest water source is $\frac{3}{4}$ miles away, which presents a challenge getting water to the fire.

About Mountain Fire #193

Acres: 2,135

Containment: 44%

Personnel assigned: 92

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

Weather: Cool, wet conditions today.

- Fire fighters continue to take advantage of cooler and wetter weather.
- Fire is 44% contained and containment is expected to climb above 60% by end of shift today.
- Firefighters will continue to secure the fire's edge and begin mop up to 300 feet in off containment lines.
- Structures in Cranberry Ridge Subdivision have been prepped as a long-term contingency plan.
- One allotment three miles south of the fire has been identified and an allotment protection contingency plan is in place.
- The Pioneer Peak Hotshots, Two Type 2 crews, and 24 Smokejumpers are assigned.

Loon Lake Fire #180

Containment: 100%

Acres: 102

Personnel: 25

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

Weather: Cool and showery today.

- No new growth or fire activity with help from cloud cover and precip.
- Transitioned from Type 3 to Type 4 organization Saturday.
- Gannett Glacier Crew demobed from fire on Saturday. UAF Nanooks Wildland Fire Crew will be staying on fire for the duration with Type 4 organization.
- 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.

- Substantial rain over the fire Saturday night.
- No growth or smoke observed on fire.
- Mat-Su Crew (17 persons) is gridding perimeter of fire for any remaining hot spots.
- Goal today is to secure perimeter 50' in from the green.
- Planned demobilization on Wednesday or Thursday.

Minto Lakes Fire (#186)

Containment: 100%

Acres: 28

Personnel: 0

Location: Approximately 50 miles west of Fairbanks

Weather: Cloudy and cooler today with wetting rain forecast

- All personnel demobed from fire on Saturday.
- No heat or smokes observed.
- Fire was declared out at 3:37 p.m. Saturday.

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: Warming and drying today with afternoon thunderstorms in the forecast.

- Very little smoke observed on fire and no anticipated spread.
- Fairbanks #1 crew replaced Yukon Crew on Saturday and Yukon Crew went to Haystack Fire.
- Crew is mopping up, gridding for hot spots and cold trailing for hot spots to reach full containment.
- Anticipated demobilization of all personnel on Tuesday.

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.