



PUBLIC ORDER EXTENSION OF FIRE SEASON

Whereas, the period from April 1 to August 31, inclusive, of each year has been designated the fire season pursuant to AS 41.15.050;

Whereas, AS 41.15.050 provides the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources may proclaim an additional fire season period for any portion of the state when weather or other conditions require action for the protection of forested land;

Whereas, certain areas of the state have not received prolonged, substantial rainfall, resulting in deeper drying of organic soils, duff, and other forest fuels;

Whereas, the State Forester has determined that these conditions raise the risk of wildland fire beyond the statutorily designated fire season;

Whereas, those areas of heightened fire danger include:

- DFFP Delta Protection Area (DAS)
- DFFP Tok Protection Area (TAS)
- DFFP Copper River Protection Area (CRS)

Whereas, under AS 41.15.010, areas to be protected from wildland fires include private, state, and municipality-owned lands; and

Whereas, the State Forester has determined that the increased risk of wildland fire in these areas warrants an extension of the current fire season through September 14, 2026 and the requirement for burn permits in those areas under the authority provided by AS 41.15.060 and 11 AAC 95.400 through 11 AAC 95.430.

IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER OF THE STATE FORESTER, pursuant to AS 41.15.050, that the current fire season will extend to September 14, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Alaska Daylight Savings Time, for the following areas:

- DFFP Delta Protection Area (DAS)
- DFFP Tok Protection Area (TAS)
- DFFP Copper River Protection Area (CRS)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT burn permits under AS 41.15.060, 11 AAC 95.400 through 11 AAC 95.430, and other authorities will be required for these areas at all times during the extended fire season. Under AS 41.15.010, this order applies to all state, private, and municipal lands within the above-described areas. Areas not specified in this order are not subject to this extended fire season designation. Violations of this order may be prosecuted.



John Crowther
Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

8.26.2026

Date