



ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Wildland Fire & Aviation Program

Department of Natural Resource's Mission

Develop, conserve, and maximize the use of Alaska's Natural Resources consistent with public interest.

Forestry's Contribution

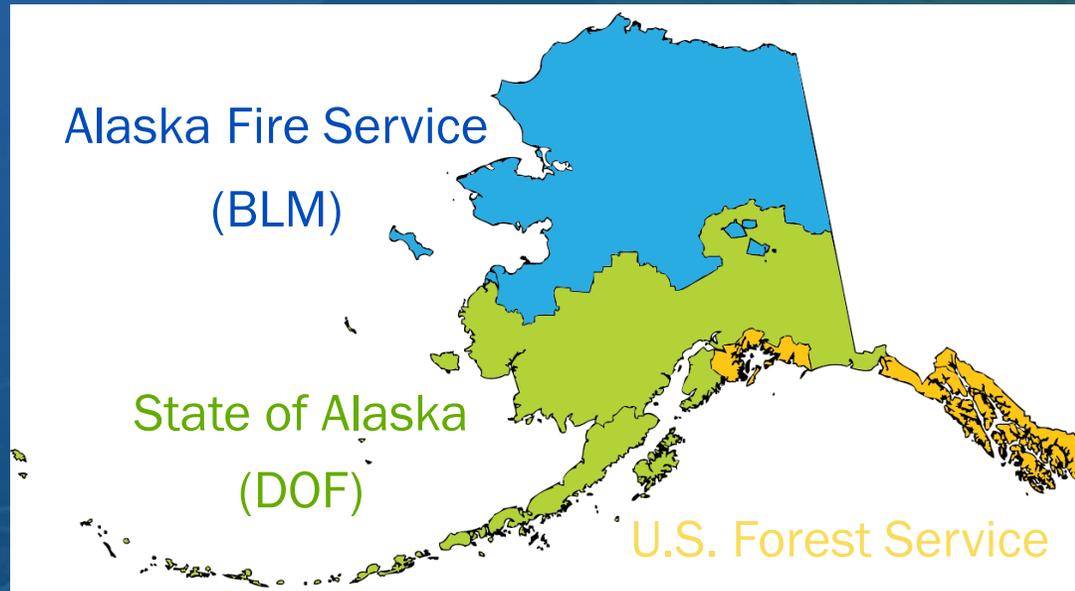
- Ensuring wildland fire suppression resources are in a state of readiness to safely manage wildfires that pose a threat to life, property, and resources on state, private, municipal and other lands negotiated through agreement commensurate with the values at risk.

Goal of Fire & Aviation Program

- Provide safe, and cost-effective and efficient fire protection and related fire and aviation management activities to **protect values at risk on state, private and municipal lands, commensurate with the values at risk.**

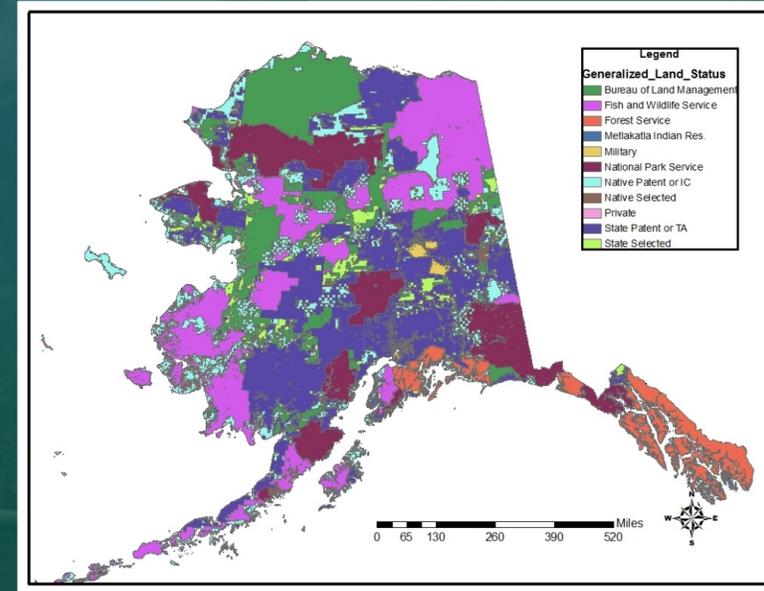
Interagency Cooperation

Protection Agencies



DOF protects 152 million acres – includes almost all the roadside areas of the state (where most Alaskans live)

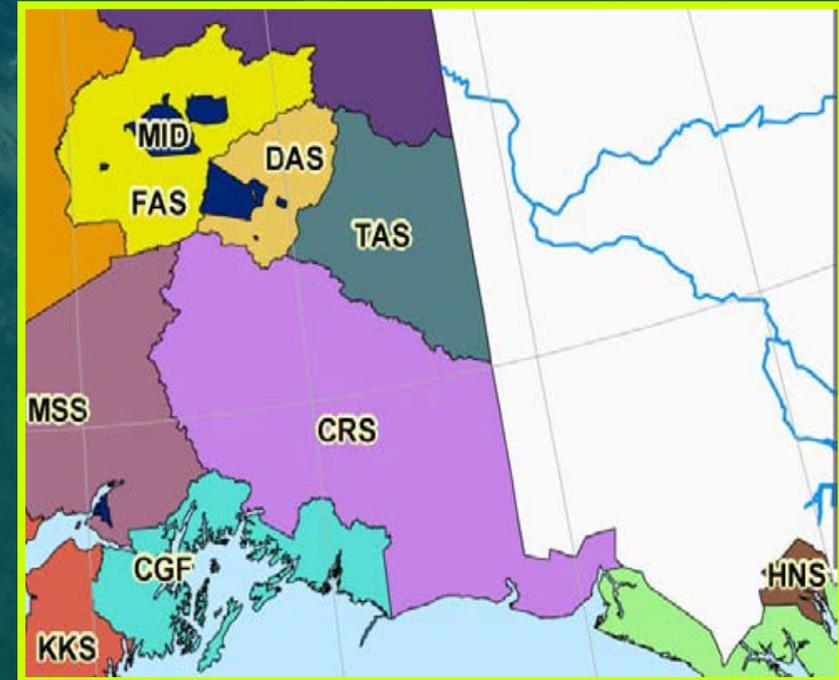
Jurisdictional Agencies



- Bureau of Land Management
- State Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Fish and Wildlife Service

State Protection Areas – Primarily High Value

Kenai-Kodiak-11.8 million acres
Mat Su -15.8 million acres
Southwest - 65 million acres



Fairbanks - 9 million acres
Delta - 4 million acres
Tok - 11.5 million acres
Valdez-Copper River - 26 million acres

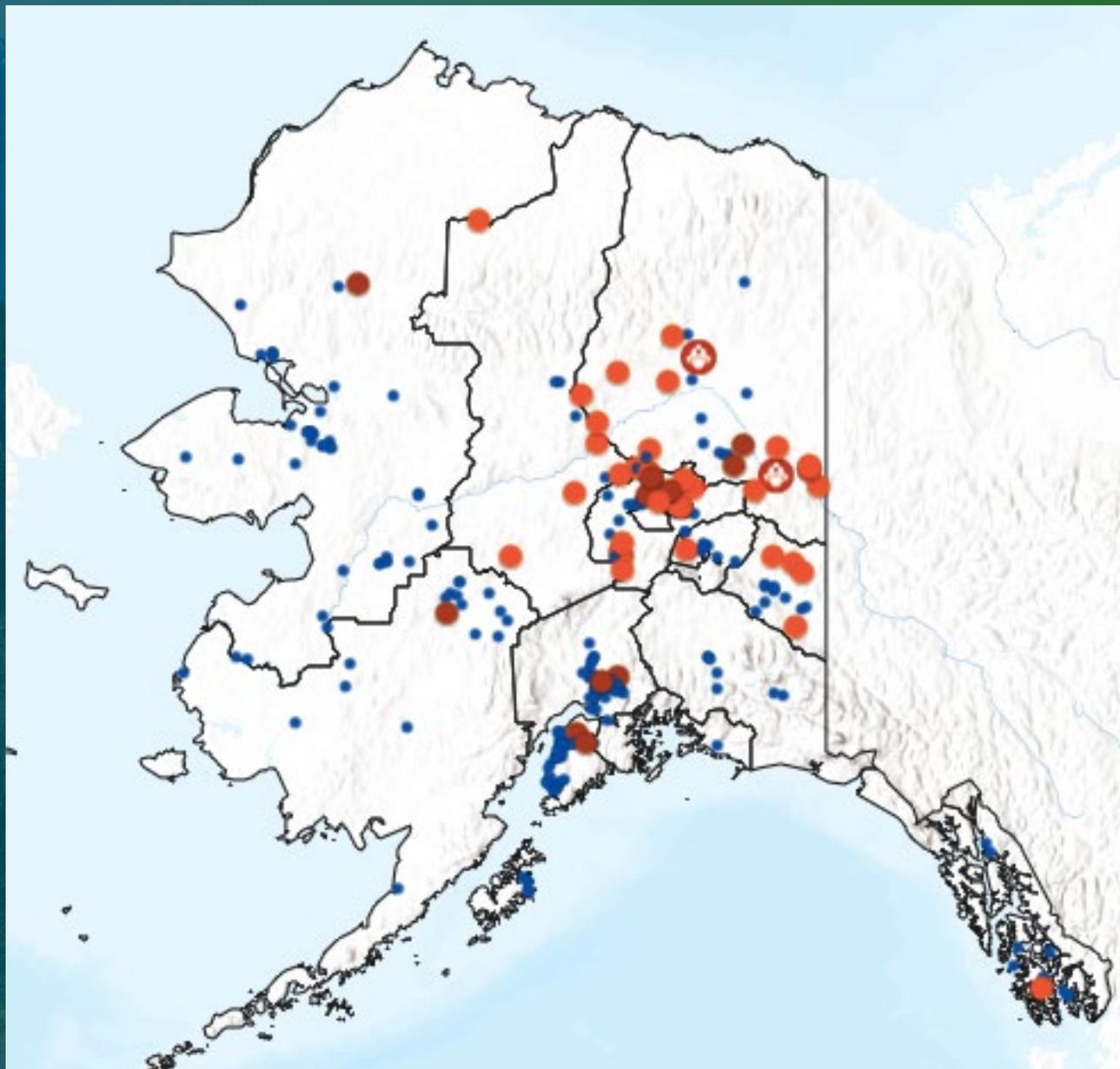
Alaska 2021 Fire Season

346 total statewide fires

225 in Division of Forestry protection

208,153 total statewide acres

70,905 acres Division of Forestry





Haystack

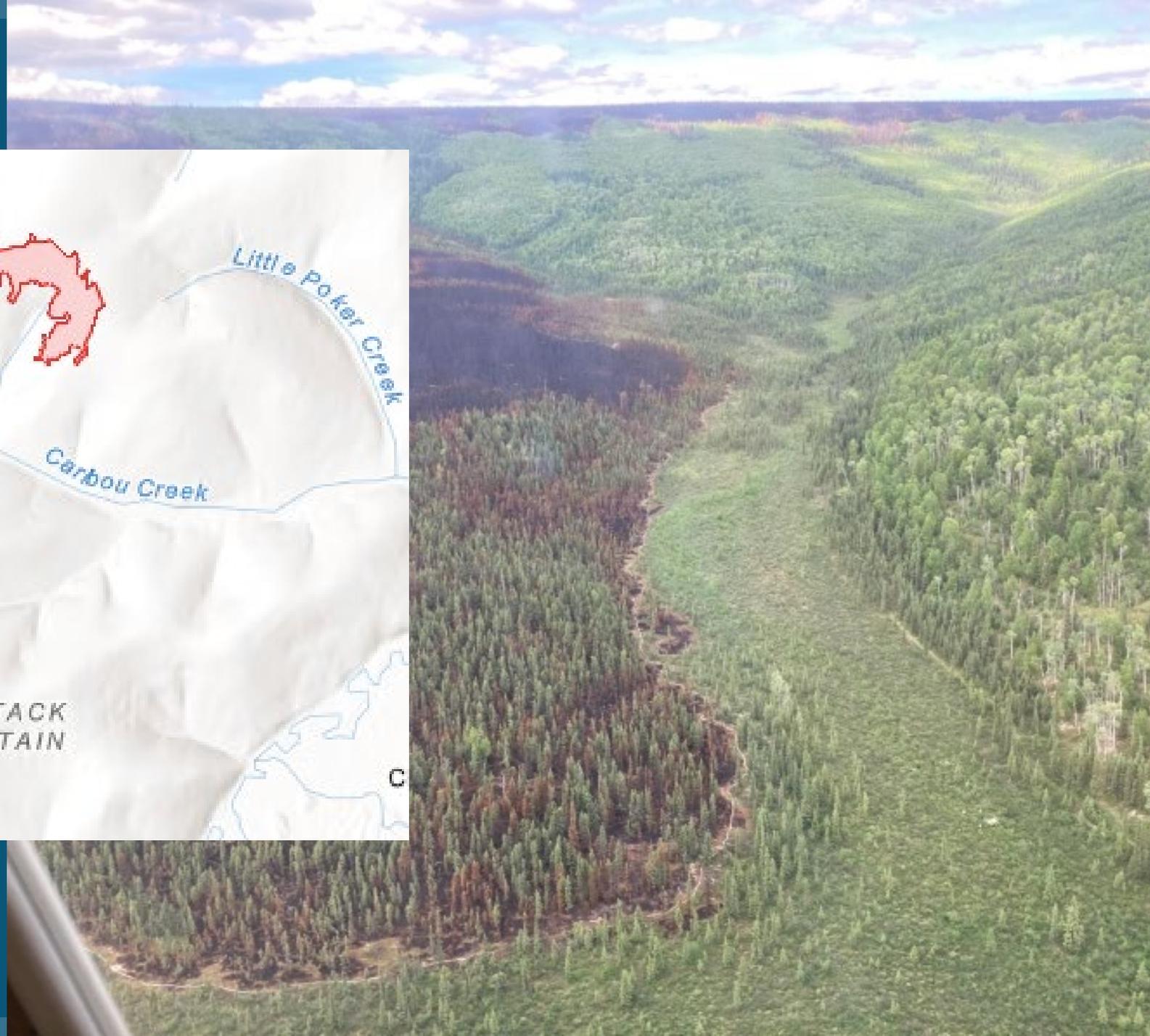
Discovered June 14

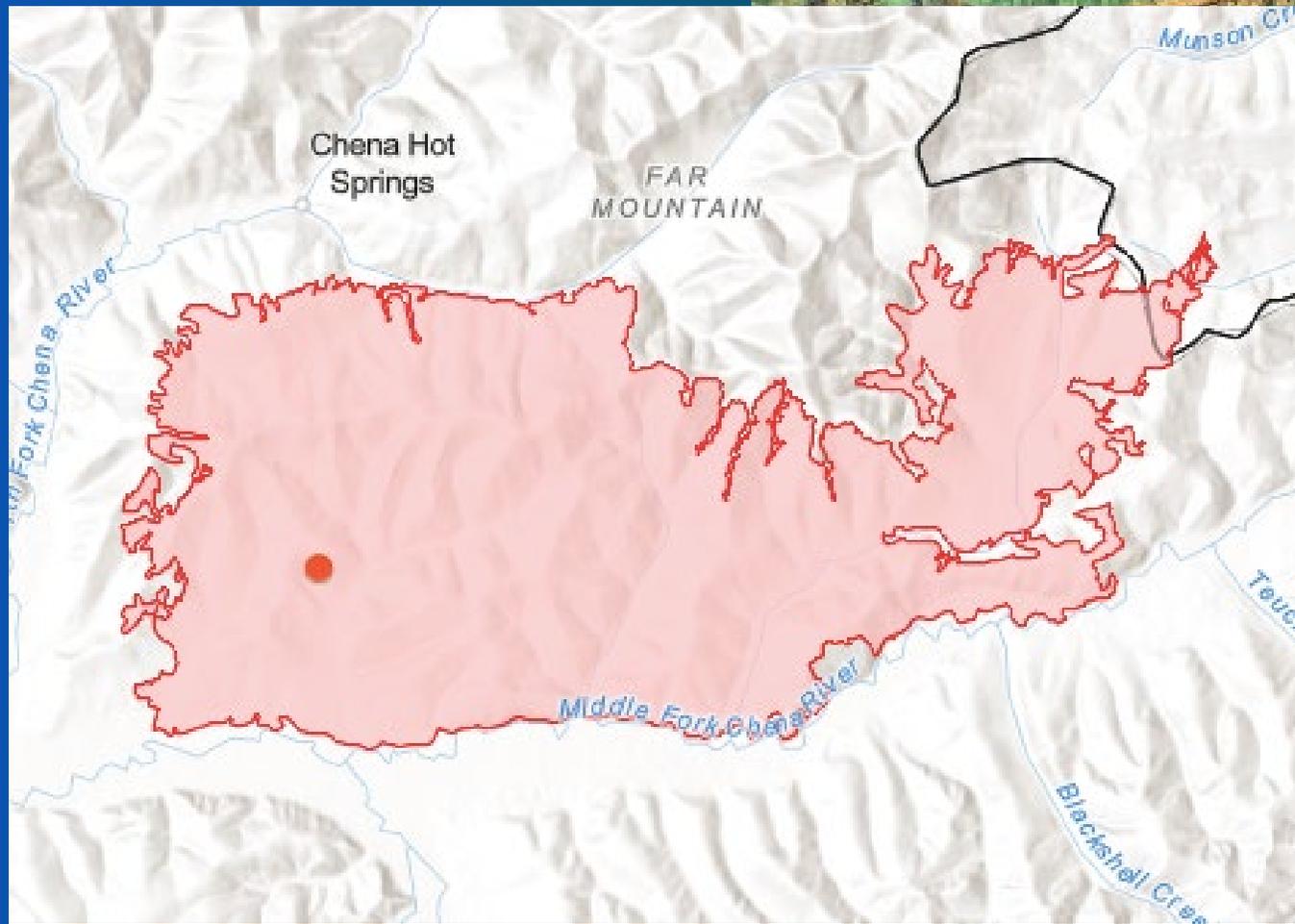
Lightning

927 acres

Contained June 26

AK Type 2 Team assigned

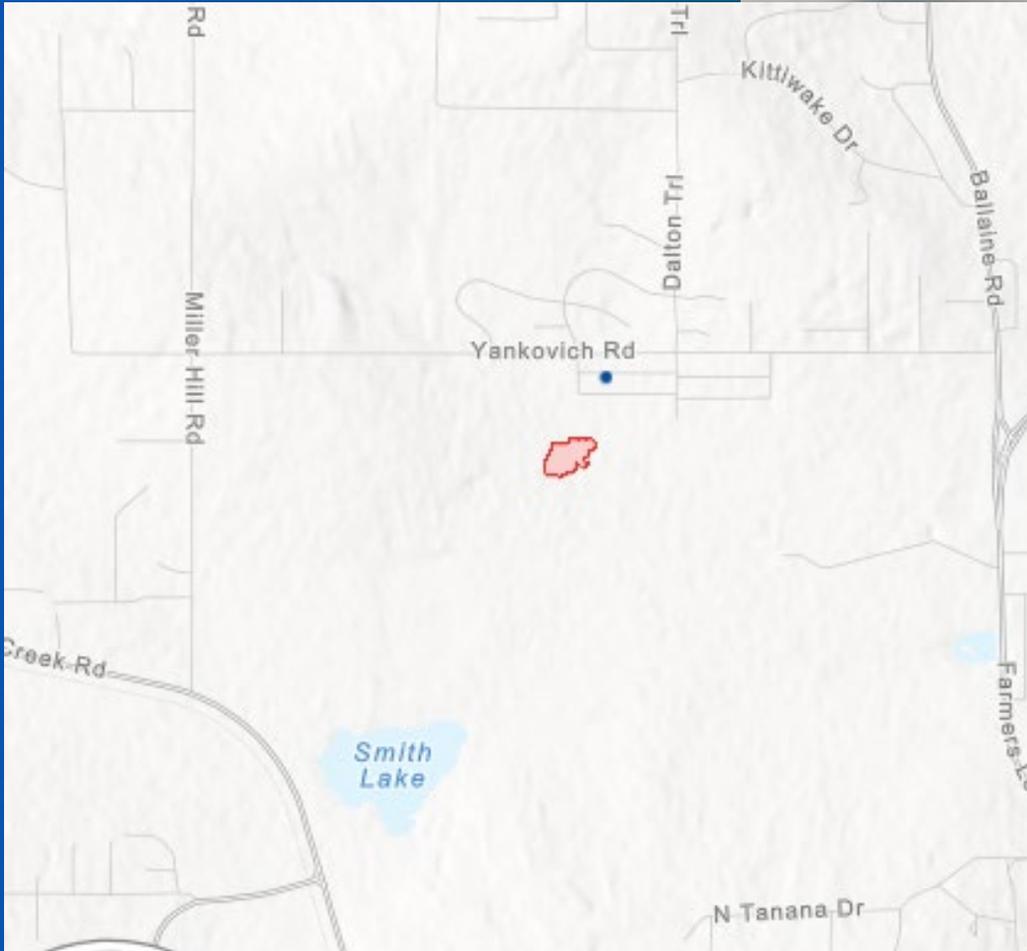




Munson Creek

Discovered June 18
Lightning
49,660 acres





Yankovich

Discovered July 16 Contained July 17
Out July 20 3.5 acres
Protected \$52.5 million values at risk



Resources: Supporting Alaska

Alaska Resources

- 2,038 overhead orders filled on AK incidents – wildfires and preposition
- 18 Type 1 Crew Assignments
- 34 Type 2 Crew Assignments
- 23 Type 2IA Crew Assignments
- **From Lower 48**
 - 5 crews (100+ Firefighters)
 - 302 overhead
 - One Type 3 Team



Supporting Lower 48 and Canada

- 15 Aircraft
- 9 Crews
- 5 Engines: Arrived safely in Tacoma and will head to the Elbow Creek Fire in Oregon. 5 more engines heading south this week.
- 404 Overhead
- 1 Type 1 Incident Management Team (McDonald) on the Bootleg Fire.

Canada

- Splash & Dash Tanker and Air Attack



Alaska Wildfire Information Resources

- **Akfireinfo.com**

Interagency blog where information about fires and fire management in Alaska are posted by Division of Forestry and Alaska Fire Service. You can subscribe to it.

- **Agency websites**

Division of Forestry – forestry.alaska.gov

BLM Alaska Fire Service – afs.ak.blm.gov

Alaska Interagency Coordination Center – fire.ak.blm.gov

- **Facebook**

Both Division of Forestry and BLM Alaska Fire Service maintain Facebook pages with updated fire information.