



STATE OF ALASKA  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION  
FORESTRY BRANCH

# NORTHERN REGION

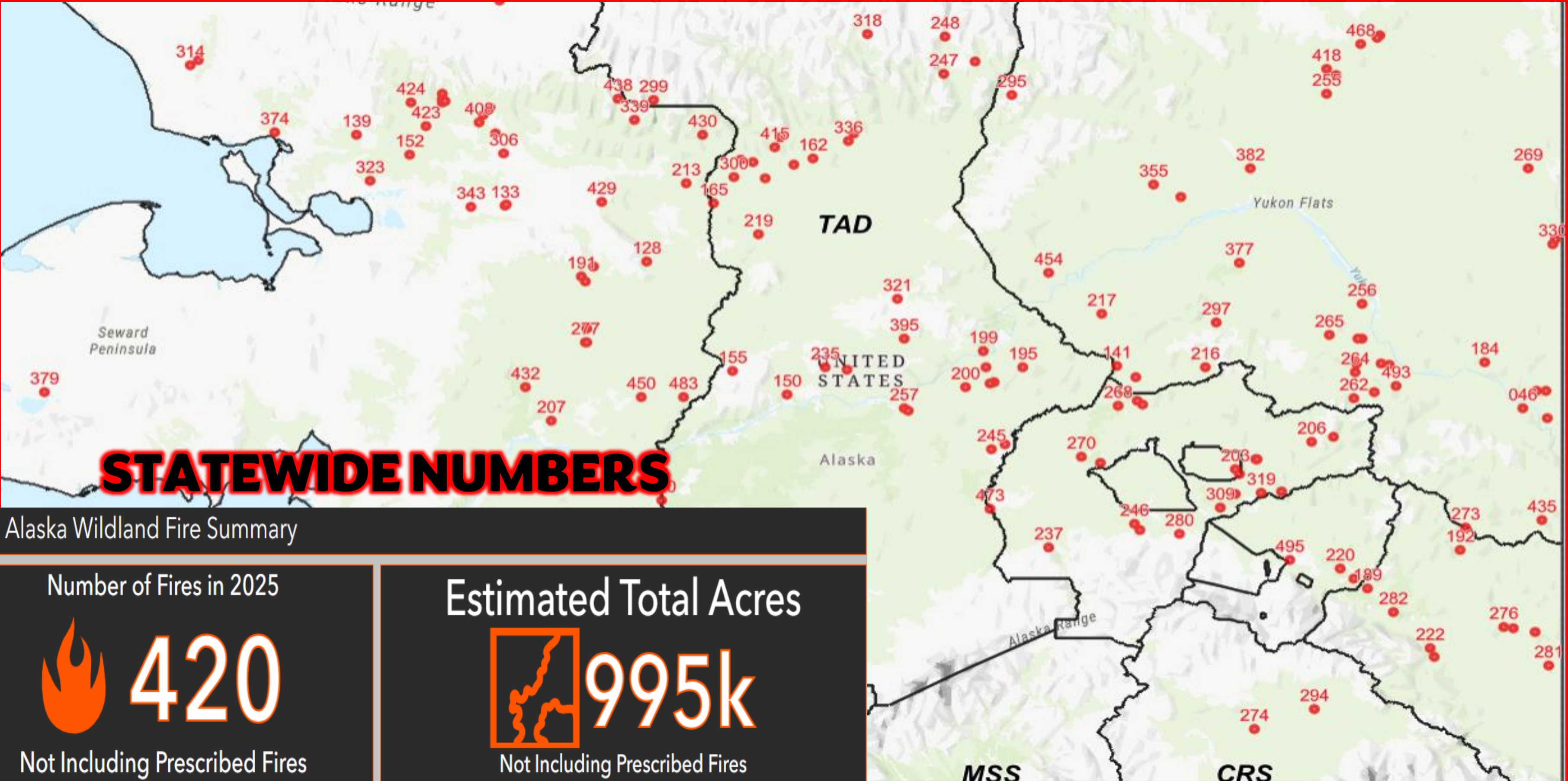
**UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF FORESTRY**

**AUGUST 2025**





# 2025 FIRE SEASON



## STATEWIDE NUMBERS

Alaska Wildland Fire Summary

Number of Fires in 2025

 **420**

Not Including Prescribed Fires

Estimated Total Acres

 **995k**

Not Including Prescribed Fires



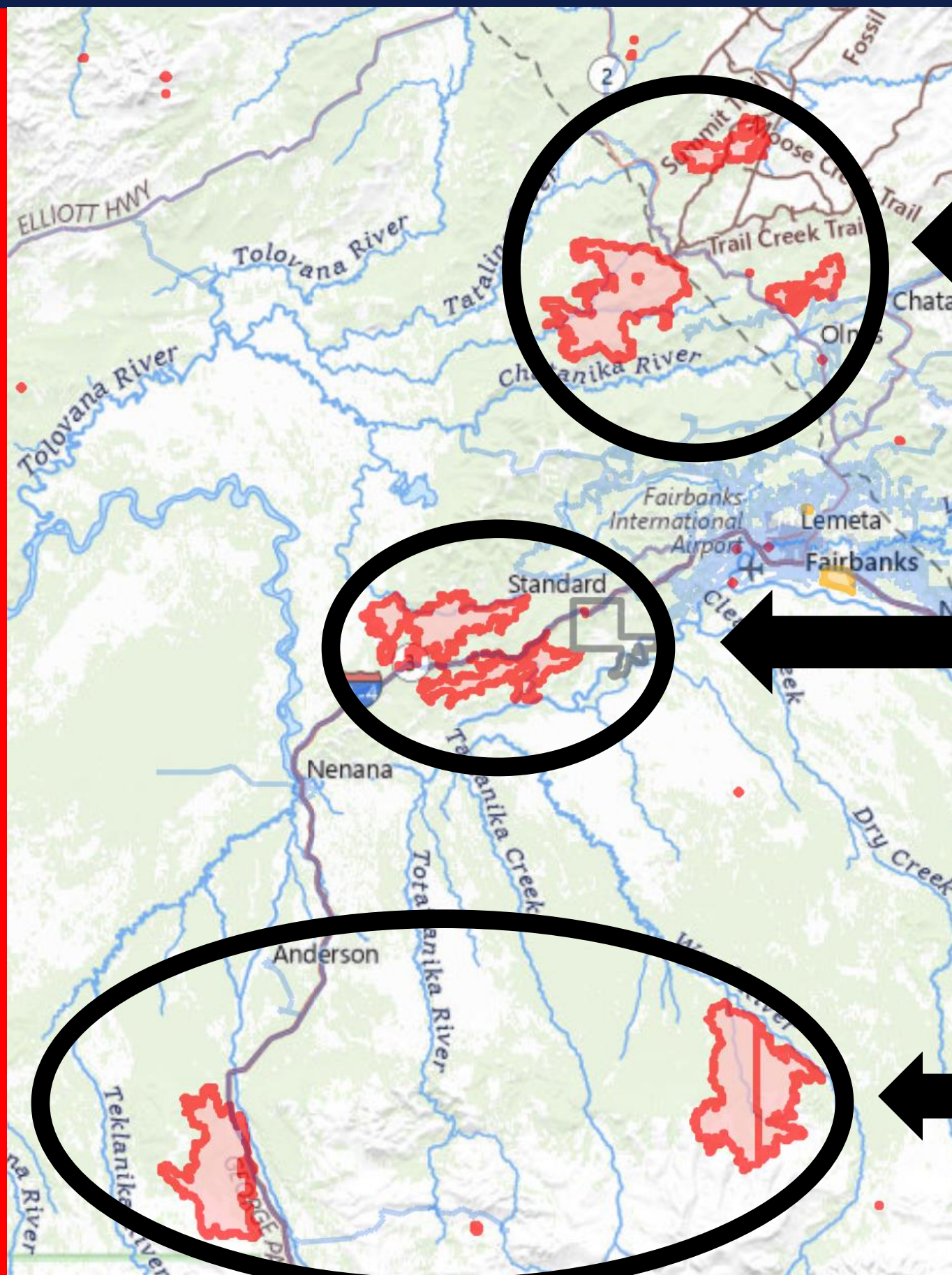
# NORTHERN REGION STATS, 2025 FIRE SEASON

DOF OFFICE	# OF FIRES	ACREAGE BURNED
FAIRBANKS	52	192,677.06
TOK	16	53,656
DELTA	9	30,521.13
COPPER RIVER	6	6,679.11
NORTHERN REGION TOTALS	83	283,533.3





# 2025 FIRE SEASON: COMPLEX INCIDENT MGMT

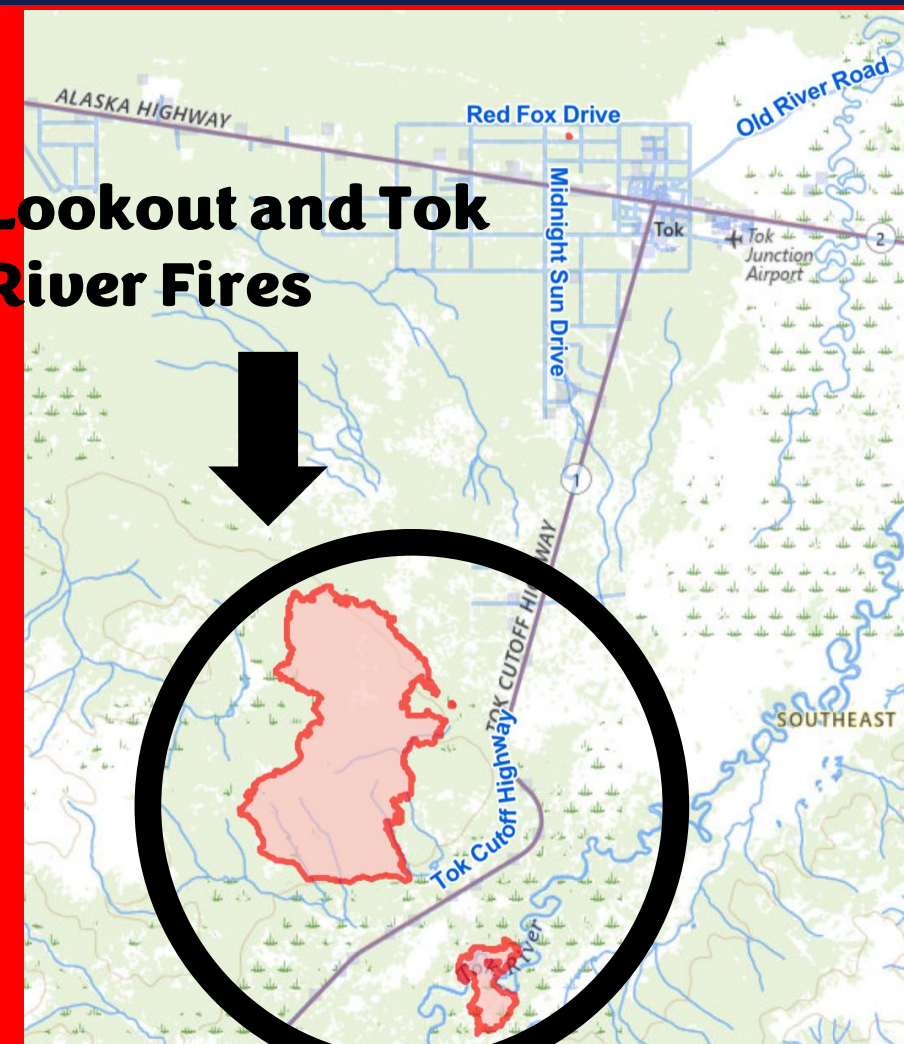


**Aggie Ck, Himalaya Rd,  
and Obrien Fires**

**Nenana Ridge Complex:  
Bonanza Ck Fire,  
Goldstream CK Fire**

**Bear Ck, St. George Ck,  
and Bonnifield CK Fires**

**7 Mile Lookout and Tok  
River Fires**



**Twelvemile Lake and  
Sand Lake Fires**







# DOF FORESTERS ON FIRES

## FORESTRY BRANCH FIRE ROLES (typically):

### REGIONAL FORESTER

JURISDICTIONAL AGENCY

ADMINISTRATOR

### AREA FORESTER

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

RESOURCE ADVISOR

### RESOURCE FORESTER\*

RESOURCE ADVISOR (READ/REAF)



## NEEDS: 2025 SEASON AND MOVING FORWARD

### SHORTAGE OF QUALIFIED READs IN DOF

SUPPORT TRAINING/EXPERIENCE FOR  
RESOURCE FORESTERS AND STEWARDSHIP  
FORESTERS (FORESTER 1-3), NR SPECIALISTS

### “IN HOUSE” READ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

GOAL: STATE OF ALASKA READ FOR STATE FIRES,  
ALASKAN READ COURSE, GET TRAINEES ON  
FIRES,







# BEAR CREEK FIRE

## SUPPRESSION REPAIR

Fire Name / #	Start date	Total acres <i>as of 7/2/25</i>	Ownership (acres)
Bear Creek / 237	6/19/25	28,270	Private: 1,513 ANCSA: 11,115 BIA: 241 State of Alaska: 15,638



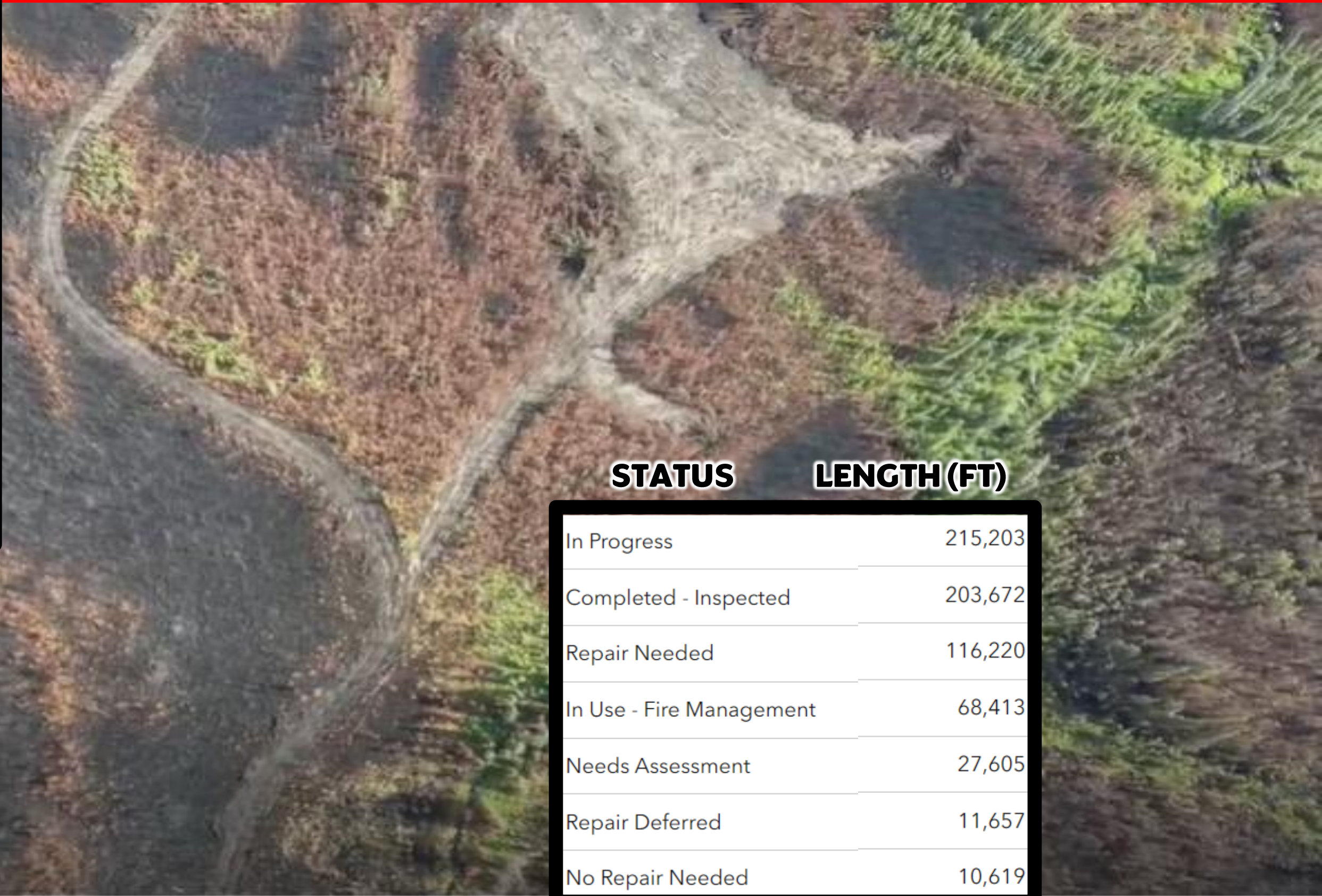
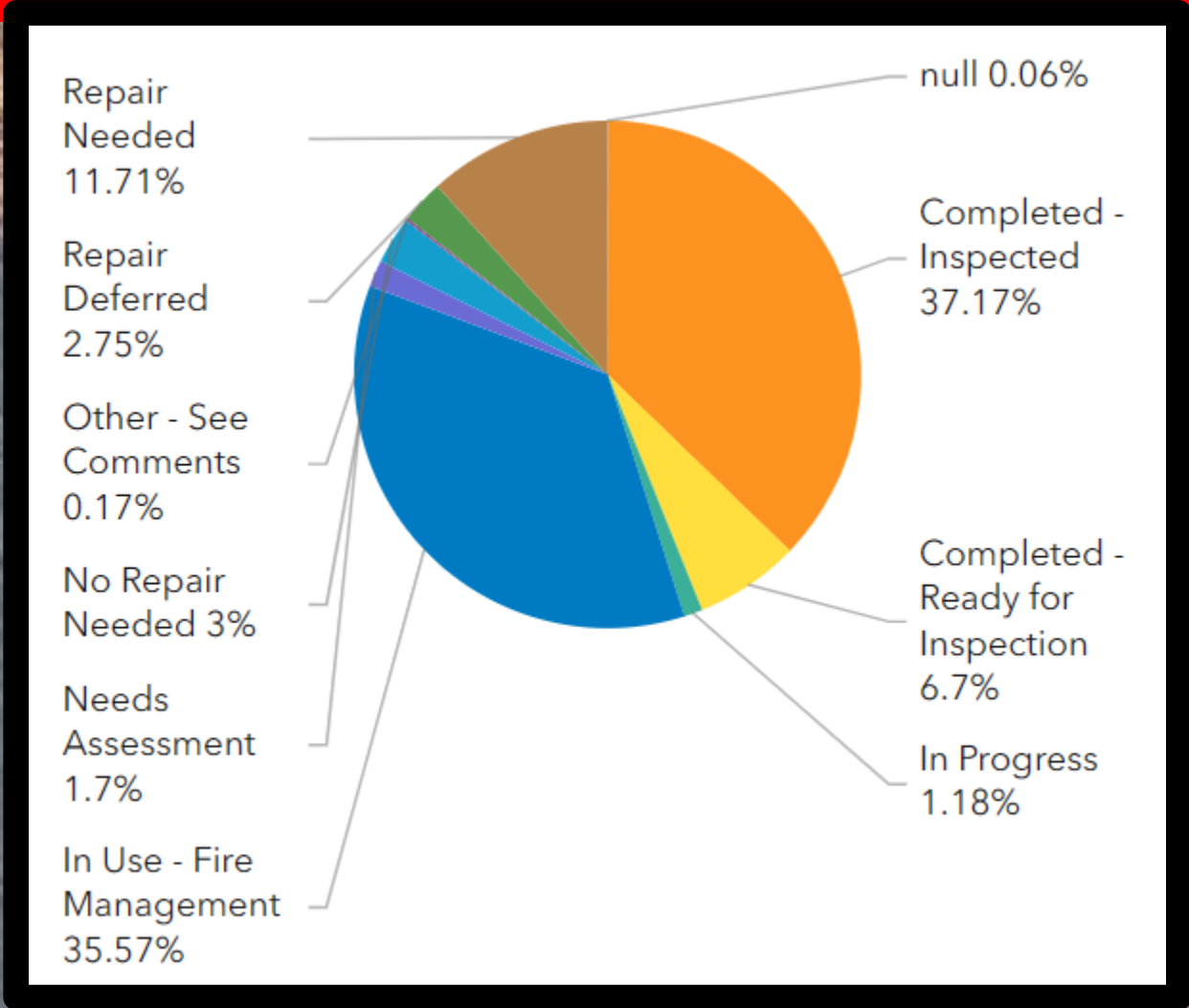
**BEAR CREEK FIRE SUPPRESSION  
REPAIR WORK COMPLETED  
ACCORDING TO PLAN**





# NENANA RIDGE COMPLEX

## SUPPRESSION REPAIR



STATUS	LENGTH (FT)
In Progress	215,203
Completed - Inspected	203,672
Repair Needed	116,220
In Use - Fire Management	68,413
Needs Assessment	27,605
Repair Deferred	11,657
No Repair Needed	10,619

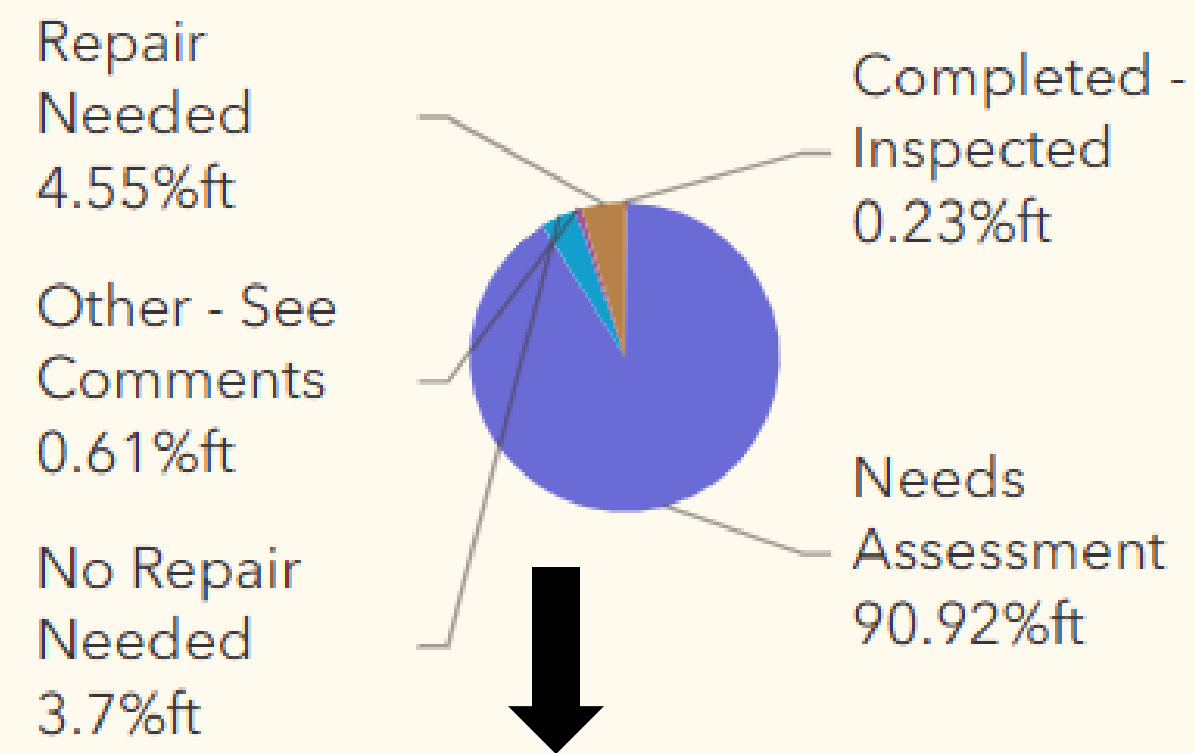




# AGGIE CREEK AND HIMALAYA ROAD FIRES

## SUPPRESSION REPAIR

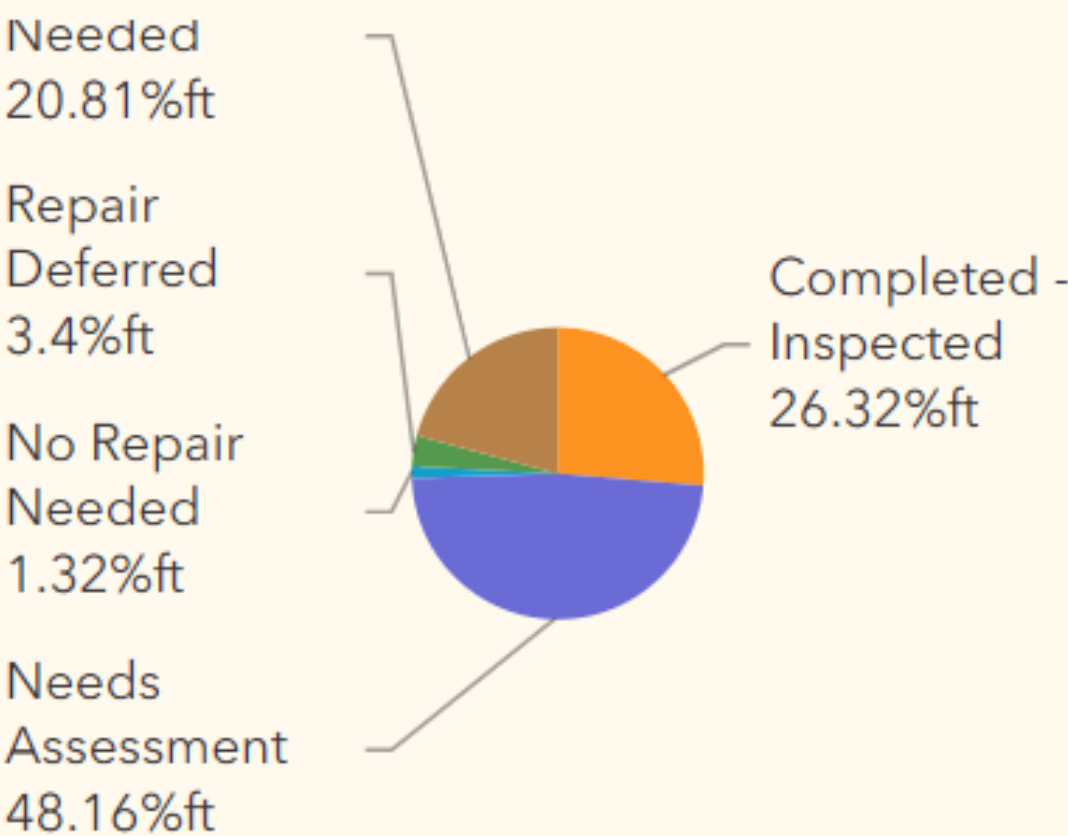
### Aggie Creek Repair Progress



STATUS	LENGTH (FT)
Completed - Inspected	607
Needs Assessment	243,661
No Repair Needed	9,908
Other - See Comments	1,624
Repair Needed	12,199

STATUS	LENGTH (FT)
Completed - Inspected	3,113
Completed - Ready for Inspection	317
In Progress	183
In Use - Fire Management	5,424
Needs Assessment	533
No Repair Needed	1,058
Other - See Comments	19
Repair Deferred	251
Repair Needed	1,052
Unknown	2

### Himalaya Road Repair Progress







# FAIRBANKS-DELTA AREA

## PUBLIC/AGENCY REVIEWS:

**3 BEST INTEREST FINDINGS  
3 FOREST LAND USE PLANS**

**40,000 WHITE SPRUCE SEEDLINGS FOR  
BURNED AREAS ALONG POGO MINE ROAD**

## REGEN SURVEYS

YEAR	# OF PLOTS
2020	166
2021	152
2022	182
2023	234
2024	276
2025	585

## FALL AUCTION PLANNED

### FORESTERS WORKING ON SALVAGE SALES:

- **2023 POGO MINE ROAD FIRE-30 SALVAGE SALES (~440 ACRES)**
- **2025 FIRES--~1,107 ACRES OF SAWTIMBER SALVAGE IDENTIFIED**



**BONANZA CREEK FIRE**





# TOK-COPPER RIVER AREA

YOUNG'S TIMBER LOGGING AREA







# TOK-COPPER RIVER AREA

**YOUNG'S TIMBER WINTER 2025-2026**







# TOK-COPPER RIVER AREA

- **ADDITIONAL 344 ACRES SAWTIMBER LAIDOUT/CRUISED FOR YOUNG'S TIMBER**
- **2 OTC SALES IN MCCARTHY**
- **1 SALE OFF THE GLEN HWY**



- **COPPER FORESTER HELPED INSTRUCT UAS PILOT COURSE FOR DOF**
- **RESOURCE ADVISORS FOR TOK FIRES**
- **PLANNING FOR MORE FUELS WORK**





# FOREST INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

**STATEWIDE INVENTORY FORESTER VACANCY**





# FOREST INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

## 2025 FIELD SEASON

- The crew is in good spirits and have had a successful season to date

**THIS SEASON CREWS HAVE COMPLETED 110 FIA PLOTS**

- Beginning on the first of June, 16 personnel supporting 2 alternating field shifts
- Completed field work in:

<b>ST MARYS</b>	<b>15 DAYS</b>
<b>FLAT</b>	<b>34 DAYS</b>
<b>MCGRATH</b>	<b>23 DAYS</b>







# FOREST INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

- **2025: final year of data collection on the 1/5th grid**
- **2026: project will shift to a 1/12th grid, reducing the plot density by just over half will enable a more efficient statewide reporting cycle projections indicating full coverage every five years**







# HEAVY EQUIPMENT SECTION



**DOF dozer  
Himalaya RD Fire  
INITIAL ATTACK**





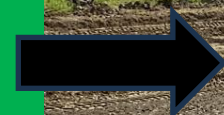
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**CACHE CREEK**

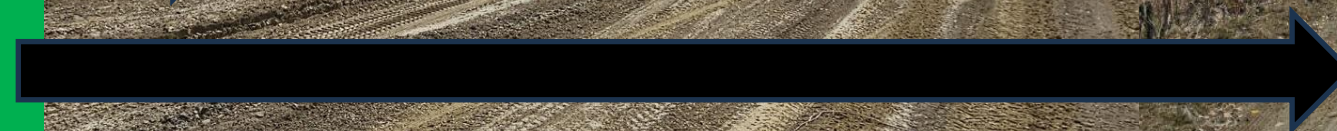


**PERFORMING GENERAL MAINTENANCE  
AND RE-DECKING ON DOF BRIDGES**

**NENANA RIDGE RD**



**BONANZA CK RD**



**ROAD RESURFACING, ROW  
BRUSHING, ROAD GRADING**





# NORTHERN REGION FORESTER'S BOF REPORT

## OF NOTE...

- **FILLED 2 VACANT SEATS ON THE TVSF CAC IN APRIL**  
**LOWER TANANA**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL INTEREST**
- **DOF HELD PUBLIC MEETINGS IN FAIRBANKS, NENANA, DELTA JUNCTION AND TOK FOR TVSF EXPANSION TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS, EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE WITH AND ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS/QUESTIONS FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES**
- **REGIONAL FORESTER REVIEWER/EVALUATOR OF PROPOSALS NATIONALLY FOR THE FY25 COMMUNITY WOOD GRANT PROGRAM (USFS)**





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## ONGOING

- **ASSISTED WITH CENTRAL AND CIRCLE HOTSPRINGS CWPP DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY MEETINGS, PROJECT MANAGER FOR UPCOMING THE FUELS REDUCTION GNA FUNDS**
- **PROGRESS ON PETE SIMPSON MEMORIAL ROAD WITH FNSB on CEA EVALUATING RESULTS FROM THE RFP FOR SURVEYING WORK WITH PROCUREMENT STAFF**
- **CONTINUED WORKING ON POTENTIAL LARGE NEGOTIATED TIMBER SALE (SPRUCE) NEAR ANDERSON/CLEAR SFS**  
**FOREST HEALTH STAFF VISITED THE SITE AND PROVIDED ASSESSMENT, UNITS CRUISED OR RECRUISED,**  

<b>NC 1403 (72 acres)</b>	<b>NC 1448 (175 acres)</b>
<b>Net CCF= 1306</b>	<b>Net CCF= 2328</b>





# NORTHERN REGION FORESTER'S BOF REPORT

## THANK YOU



NENANA RIDGE COMPLEX



AGGIE CK FIRE