



Swan Lake Fire Update

Incident Commander: Brian Gales

Date: Thursday, July 11, 2019

Start Date: 06/05/2019	Location: 5.5 Miles NE of Sterling, AK	Cause: Lightning
Fire Size: 100,027 acres	Containment: 24%	Total Personnel: 350

Today's mapping shows the completed control line on the southwest corner of the fire along the East Fork of the Moose River. The containment line is now connected from Sterling Highway to the wetland areas (muskeg) along the south and west side of the fire. This is significant because it keeps the fire from moving further west toward Sterling. The control line in this area is now complete and will remain for years to come. In addition, the total containment of the fire is 24%.

Ahead of the fire, firefighters continue to thin brush and understory vegetation along the Skyline Trail and Fuller Lakes Trail on the east side of the fire perimeter near Cooper Landing. The purpose of this effort is to reduce the chance of the fire spreading east along the highway corridor. In addition, crews are clearing vegetation in and around public use cabins near Resurrection Pass Trail. These improvements will reduce the chance of fire spread in the future, resulting in more fire resilient landscapes and communities.

Fire personnel will be working in and around the Cooper Landing area assessing properties for structure and property protection actions if needed. This is an excellent opportunity for residents to learn about creating defensible space to make their properties more fire resistant.

WEATHER: A marine layer brought in patchy morning clouds and will burn off from east to west through the morning. It will be partly cloudy to mostly sunny in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s expected with lows in the mid-40s. Winds will be light, 4-8 mph, throughout the day and into the night. There is very little chance of rain expected today.

AIR QUALITY: The change in wind direction has provided some relief to areas impacted by smoke. Real-time air quality readings are available 24-hours a day at <http://tools.airfire.org>. Click on the Monitoring PM2.5 tab to find readings. For smoke forecasts from Alaska wildfires, visit UAFSMOKE at <http://smoke.alaska.edu>.

SAFETY: Along the Sterling Highway watch for construction zones, and smoke on the roadway. Dip-netting season is now underway significantly increasing traffic. Please use headlights and caution, especially during the overnight hours. For current road conditions visit <http://511.alaska.gov>. The Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) has expanded to include the western portion of the Chugach National Forest and still includes the Sterling Highway corridor. Pilots can confirm the current TFR restrictions at <http://tfr.faa.gov>. Personal drone operation is not permitted on the refuge.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Open fires are prohibited on Kenai Peninsula State Park, Kenai NWR, Chugach NF, and Kenai Fjords NP. For the latest updates please contact the Refuge Visitor Center at 907-260-2820 or go to <http://kenai.fws.gov>. In addition, Alaska Division of Forestry has prohibited campfires on Kenai Peninsula Burrough and other regions of Alaska. Please contact the Alaska Division Forestry at 907-356-5511 for further information

CLOSURES: A partial area closure has been instituted in the area of the Resurrection Pass Trail. For the latest information on closures and fire restrictions please go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/chugach/news-events>.

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