



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

Fire Update

BLM Alaska Fire Service

P.O. Box 35005 1541 Gaffney Road, Fairbanks AK 99703-0005

Contact: Beth Ipsen, epsen@blm.gov; (907)356-5510

Date: June 30, 2021

Firefighters continue work on sites near the Dry Creek Fire

After successfully conducting a burn operation in defense against the Dry Creek Fire on Friday, firefighters have set their sights on protecting other sites that are within striking distance of the fire burning south of Manley Hot Springs. The fire continues to grow, with most activity concentrated in the northwest corner near the Tanana River. However, it's moving slow to the southwest. It is still south of the Tanana River.

The Medford #10 Type 2 Initial Attack Crew demobilized on Monday and boarded a plane back to Oregon Tuesday. The North Star Crew – BLM Alaska Fire Service’s training crew – arrived Sunday to work on installing or fortifying protection measures set up on Native allotments south of the Tanana River to the east of the Zitziana River. The fire has not crossed this series of sloughs that make up the Zitziana River corridor. A cabin sitting to the north of the fire on the bank of the Zitziana River receives routine visits from firefighters to check the equipment staged there to protect the cabin from the encroaching fire. There are considerable natural barriers to help keep the fire at bay.

The BLM AFS Chena Hotshots are helping mop up the two-mile long stretch of burn out that was ignited to protect a Native allotment and another piece of property and helping with overall fire strategy. Meanwhile, smokejumpers are doing a site assessment on a cluster of cabins on the Tanana River farther to the southeast to come up with a structure protection plan.

The fire area experienced sunny weather with sporadic, gusty winds Tuesday. The west winds will continue into today with warmer, drier weather expected by Thursday. This will lead to an increase of fire activity when the fire finds a stand of black spruce to quickly burn through.

Start date: June 14 Acres: 29,818 Personnel assigned: 63 Crews: 2 Cause: Lightning



Map series

Find fire information at akfireinfo.com, Alaska Wildland Fire Information Map Series or follow BLM Alaska Fire Service on Facebook @BLMAFS



Akfireinfo.com

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service (AFS) located at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, provides wildland fire suppression services for over 236 million acres of Department of the Interior and Native Corporation Lands in Alaska. In addition, AFS has other statewide responsibilities that include: interpretation of fire management policy; oversight of the BLM Alaska Aviation program; fuels management projects; and operating and maintaining advanced communication and computer systems such as the Alaska Lightning Detection System. AFS also maintains a National Incident Support Cache with a \$16 million inventory. The Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for America’s “Last Frontier” on an interagency basis with the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Military in Alaska.