

Bureau of Land Management
Alaska Fire Service



Alaska Incident Management Team

East Fork Fire in transition

June 20, 2022, Daily Update, 9:30 AM

East Fork Fire

STATS: 163,533 acres

Location: 3.7 miles northwest of St. Mary's

Personnel: 242

Start Date: May 31, 2022

Cause: Natural, Lightning

Fuels: A mix of tundra, brush, and black spruce

% Contained: 100% of containment objective
(71% of the fire)

Apoon Pass Fire

STATS: 72,499 acres

Location: 24 miles north of Mountain Village

ST. MARY'S, Alaska. – Fire activity across the East Fork Fire was minimal yesterday. All areas of the fire south of the Andreafsky Wilderness have been contained. A limited portion of the fire continues to slowly creep north within the wilderness boundary and burn up interior pockets of fuel. The Alaska Type 2 Incident Management Green Team is preparing to transition management of the East Fork Fire and the Apoon Pass Fire to a Type 3 Team on Wednesday, June 22 at 7 AM.

Operations: Crews are finishing the work of prepping structures and allotments north of the fire and mopping up in the southeast corner of the fire. As crews start to move out and transition to other priority fires across the state, work on the East Fork Fire includes finalizing documentation and assessing any impacts to the landscape caused by fire-fighting activities. This information will be used to start planning for any repair work that should be completed.

Aerial monitoring of both the East Fork and Apoon Pass fires will continue regularly to look for hot spots, ensure containment lines are holding, and to identify any allotments, structures, or cultural sites that may be at risk. As a reminder, temporary flight restrictions remain in effect (<https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>).

Smoke: Fuel pockets and a few hot spots remain on the northern edge and interior of the East Fork Fire. With stronger winds from the northwest, fire activity may kick up a bit and produce some smoke. Smoke from the East Fork Fire and fires in other parts of Alaska could impact air quality. Keep apprised of fires in the area and air quality at: <https://fire.airnow.gov/> and check local smoke conditions from the Purple Air sensor based at the St. Mary's Elementary School at: <https://map.purpleair.com/1/mAQI/a10/p604800/cC0#6.32/62.003/-162.442>

Weather: Overnight showers will give way to fair weather today. Today's northwest winds will shift to the south and southwest in the next few days.

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