

Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska Fire Service



Alaska Incident Management Team

## Alaska IMT transfers command of the East Fork Fire

June 21, 2022, Daily Update, 9:30 AM

### East Fork Fire

**STATS:** 166,587 acres

**Location:** 3.7 miles northwest of St. Mary's

**Personnel:** 205

**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:** 84,138 acres

**Location:** 24 miles north of Mountain Village

**ST. MARY'S, Alaska.** – The Alaska Type 2 Green Incident Management Team is transitioning management of the East Fork and the Apoon Pass fires to a Type 3 organization led by Incident Commander Jeff Stark tomorrow, June 22 at 7 AM.

There continued to be minimal fire activity across the East Fork and Apoon Pass fires yesterday. All areas of the East Fork Fire south of the Andreafsky Wilderness have been contained. Limited areas of the fire continue a slow crawl, consuming interior pockets of fuel and creeping north into the wilderness. The increase in acreage reported on the Apoon Pass Fire today is a result of improved mapping from more recent satellite imagery, as cloud layers dissipated to allow a more comprehensive look at the fire.

**Operations:** Some crews are being mobilized to other priority fires across the state, while other crews continue projects on the East Fork Fire. Firefighters assess areas within the fire boundary as they look for impacts to the landscape caused by fire-fighting activities. This information will be analyzed by technical experts to create a work plan for any repair work that should be completed.

Aerial monitoring of both the East Fork and Apoon Pass fires will take place today as the new Type 3 organization conducts a reconnaissance flight of the area. Temporary flight restrictions remain in effect (<https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.jsp>).

**Smoke:** Continue to 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:** Fair weather today and throughout the week. Winds out of the southwest off the Bering Sea starting tomorrow will bring cool temperatures and cloud cover, with chance of showers on Wednesday. Conditions will start to dry out at the end of the week as a high pressure builds on Friday and Saturday. No significant weather systems are predicted.

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