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Lime Complex June 27th update: Firefighters working hard to shore up and improve protection measures for values at risk

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The total complex size is 560,725 acres. There are over 249 total resources assigned to the various fires, including two Type 1 Hotshot crews, one Type 2 Initial Attack Hand crew, two fire modules, ten boats, four helicopters and various overhead.

Highlights: The strong winds over the weekend and continued hot and dry conditions increased fire activity across the planning area. Firefighters have been working hard to stay in front of any associated fire growth with their management actions. Temperatures will be cooler today and the increased cloud cover should help moderate that fire activity. Resources continue to perform reconnaissance missions to monitor any hot spots and assess the fuels between the fire and any values at risk. These values at risk have been prepped and crews continue to shore up and improve structure protection measures where appropriate. Most of the aerial resources have been assisting crews on the southwest corner of the Pike Creek (#239)/Koktuli River (#240) fires and along the Mulchatna River to keep that area cool and limit fire growth in and around the values at risk in that area. Community members are encouraged to be aware any fire activity in the area and not to interfere with fire operations.

The [Temporary Flight Restriction \(TFR\)](#) remains in place for the area just over fires **Pike Creek (#239)/Koktuli River (#240) and Upper Talarik (#205)**. We currently have a number of aircraft, including unmanned aircraft systems; air attack platform; helicopter operations; and fire bosses scooping water out of Lake Iliamna and dropping it on the fire. It is asked to please avoid the area if at all possible to provide a safe environment for firefighting aircraft and to reduce the potential for air-to-air collisions.

Weather: The fire area will receive a reprieve today from the heavy winds over the weekend, with gusts only reaching up to 10 mph. Temperatures will be cooler but vary between the eastern and western fires. The fires west of Lime Village will experience highs in the upper 50's and low 60's with showers expected. Temperatures east of Lime Village will be in the high 60's and

could reach the low 70's with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Cooler weather and moisture are forecasted later this week.

Staffed Fires in the Complex

North Group consists of the **South Lime Lake Fire (#190)/Swift River Fire (#228), Pike Creek (#239)/Koktuli River (#240), Door Mountain Fire (#244), Door Creek Fire (#273) and the Hook Creek Fire (#188)**

The two rappellers crews continued shoring up and improving the protection measures in place around the values at risk in the Horseshoe Lake area yesterday and mopping up from the defensive firing around a cabin. One of the rappeller crews was pulled out and postured to react as necessary as fire activity dictates.

The defensive firing operations that were prepped a few days ago around Trout Lake were implemented and crews will continue to monitor that work and mop up as needed. This burning was done to remove fuels around the values at risk to keep the fire from progressing or limit intensity of progression.

Gannett Glacier Fire crew finalized the saw line and installing the pumps and hoses at the village. They will test those today to make sure they are complete and working properly. Crews are assessing additional resource needs for structure protection on values at risk on the north side of the river and will assist the North Point Protection Group with site preparations.

The Door Mountain and Door Creek fires remained active, and it appears they may merge at some point with potential to move towards the north/northwest.

Pike Creek (#239)/Koktuli River (#240) ~ 176,814 combined acres, Lighting start; point protection and structure protection are ongoing. The fire is 35 miles north of Iguigig.

Aerial resources continue to drop water on southwestern edge of the fire and along the Mulchatna River as the fire continues to be active. These aircraft are focused on keeping these areas cool to prevent any significant impact to values at risk along the Mulchatna River. The Unawep Fire Module and a National Park Service Module are working opposite directions along the fire perimeter beginning in the southwest corner completing reconnaissance and looking for opportunities to prevent the fire from moving towards known values at risk in the area. Additional resources are monitoring for hot spots and postured and ready to act if needed.

An Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) drone module and helicopter remain assigned to these fires to monitor fire movement, and to act as necessary on identified known sites.

Aghaluk Mountain (#206) ~116,309 acres, Lightning start, point protection and structure protection are ongoing. The fire remains 51 miles east of Aniak.

Resources continue to do reconnaissance of the values at risk surrounding the fire and assessments of the fuels south of the fire out in front of Door Mountain, Door Creek and Hook

Creek fires. The assessments are done in preparation of future management actions that may be necessary if the fires continue to grow. Crews continue to shore up and improve the structure protection measures in place around the values at risk in the area.

Unstaffed Fires

Dummy Creek Fire (#247) ~ 178 acres
Cabin Creek Fire (#193) ~ 74 acres
Gagaryah River Fire (#197) ~ 35,652 acres
Kiknik Fire (245) ~ 45,734 acres
Maka Creek Fire (#207) ~ 1 acre
Nushagak River Fire (#189) ~ 10 acres
Stony River Fire (#198) ~ 36,329 acres
Telaquana River Fire (#216) ~ 7,791 acres
Titnuk Creek Fire (#246) ~ 53,290 acres
Upper Talarik (#205) ~ 4,302 acres

Lime Complex fires under the Black Team management include #188, 189, 190, 193, 197, 198, 205, 206, 207, 216, 228, 239, 240, 244, 245, 246, 247 and 273. As threats increase to values at risk, updates on suppression strategy and tactics will be provided.

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