



Minto Lakes Fire

Sunday July 3, 2022
Daily Update



Acres: 32,658 acres | **Containment:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 254
Start Date: June 21, 2022 | **Cause:** Lightning | **Location:** Located between Washington Creek and the Chatanika River **Fuels:** Hardwoods and hardwood litter, timber, black spruce

Highlights: Emergency Burn Closure in effect please visit <https://tinyurl.com/BurnClosure> for more information. Alaska State Parks has closed Whitefish Lake campground and boat ramp to the public.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (CA-1) will assume command of the fire at 8:00 AM July 4, 2022.

A Red Flag Warning remains in effect Sunday for lightning and thunderstorms with minimal precipitation expected. Firefighters are available to respond should new fire starts occur.

The public is asked to limit unnecessary travel to areas around the fire perimeter where fire personnel are working. This includes the Murphy Dome area down to the MDR Boat Ramp and the Chatanika River. Equipment and fire fighters are working around the Hayes and Himalaya Subdivisions, please use caution in these areas. Vehicles on the roads and boats on the river can present additional risks to the public and to firefighters trying to protect structures and construct fire lines.

Operations: Firefighters continued structure protection and fire line construction around the native allotments located near the MDR Boat Launch. Structure protection measures on the north side of the Chatanika River up to approximately river mile 17 are completed. South of the river, fire personnel continued moving upriver assessing structures for protection needs. Dozer operators reopened fire lines previously used for the 2011 Hastings Fire and looked for opportunities to tie this indirect line into roads to the north. In subdivisions outside the immediate fire area, fire personnel assessed structures and developed plans for protection.



Evacuations: For the Fairbanks North Star Borough Emergency Operations evacuation map, scan the QR code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/MintoLakes>. Follow the FNSB Government Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/FNSBGov>) for updates and notifications. Receive FNSB Emergency Alerts via text message by texting: FNSBWildFire2022 to 67283.

Weather: Morning showers yesterday increased relative humidity to around 50%. This higher relative humidity temporarily moderated fire growth. Temperatures will be warm again today reaching 80 degrees and relative humidity will return to 30-40%.

Closures: The Alaska Bureau of Land Management has issued a Fire Closure Order for the White Mountain National Recreation Area. The following trails are closed: Wickersham Creek Trail, Trail Creek Trail (between the junction with Wickersham Creek Trail and the junction with Moose Creek Trail), Moose Creek Trail, and Summit Trail. The following BLM public use cabins and shelters are closed: Lee’s Cabin, Eleazar’s Cabin, Moose Creek Cabin, Summit Trail Shelter, Wickersham Creek Trail Shelter. For more information, visit <https://akfireinfo.com/> or call the Fairbanks District Office at 907-474-2200. Alaska State Parks has closed the Whitefish Lake Campground and boat ramp.

Smoke: Visit <https://akfireinfo.com/smoke-management/> for information about the latest Alaska smoke conditions.

Fire Information:

Fire Information Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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