



Minto Lakes Fire

Monday July 4, 2022
Daily Update



Acres: 32,658 acres | **Containment:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 322
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. Jerry McGowan’s Type 1 incident management team assumed command of the fire this morning at 8:00 AM.

A Red Flag Warning was extended and remains in effect Monday for lightning and thunderstorms with minimal precipitation expected. Firefighters are available to respond should there be new fire starts.

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 values at risk and construct fire lines.

Operations: Firefighters continued structure protection measures around the Native allotments located near the MDR Boat Launch. Structure protection measures on the north side of the Chatanika River continue with additional hand crews being inserted yesterday. South of the river, fire personnel continued moving upriver assessing structures for protection needs. Dozer operators in conjunction with hotshot crew continue to work reopening fire lines previously used for the 2011 Hastings Fire, as well as, looking 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: Rain was received over the fire yesterday, primarily on the Northern perimeter. The rain and increased relative humidity’s temporarily moderated fire growth on the Northern Flanks. Temperatures will continue to be warm today reaching 80 degrees and relative humidity will return to 30’s. The Red Flag warning was extended through this evening for thunderstorm activity around the fire.

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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