



# Minto Lakes Fire

Wednesday July 6, 2022  
Daily Update



**Acres:** 34,386 acres | **Containment:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 289  
**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:** We will be holding a community meeting in Haystack (Haystack Laundry and Showers) on Thursday night at 7pm. We will have presentations from fire operations, fire behavior and weather.

The Red Flag Warning again was extended and remains in effect through Wednesday for lightning and thunderstorms, precipitation possible. Crews and equipment are ready should there be new fire starts.

Please continue 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. The fire area remains under a fuels and fire behavior advisory through July 8, 2022, [Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory](#).

**Operations:** Yesterday's fire activity was confined to two main areas, on the north side of the main fire and west of Tatalina fire scar, and in a pocket of unburned fuels in the interior of the perimeter. The rest of the fire saw minimal growth. Yesterday crews and heavy equipment completed the re-opening of six miles of dozer line, from the Hastings fire of 2011. This is a protection measure for the communities of Hayes Creek and Himilaya. Along the southern fire edge (north of the Chatanika River) crews have almost completed structure protection preparations (installing hoses, pumps, and sprinklers). Limbing operations have also been done around cabins. The structure protection group to the southeast of the fire have assessed structures and developed plans for protection. Crews continue to locate and mop up heat around the Native allotments on the southwestern flank to retard any additional growth in those areas.



**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:** Stagnated high pressure continues to sit over the fire area. The pressure system combined with smoke continues to moderate fire behavior. Thunderstorm activity yesterday was widely scattered, today it is anticipated to be active to the south and northeast of the fires edge. No rain was received over the fire yesterday. Temperatures will continue to be warm today in the mid-to-upper 70's degrees and relative humidity will be in the low-to-mid 40's. The Red Flag warning was extended through this evening for thunderstorm activity around the fire.

**Closures:** Emergency Burn Closure are in effect please visit <https://tinyurl.com/BurnClosure> for more information.

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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