



Middle Tanana Complex
Sunday July 10, 2022
Daily Update 11:30 AM



Total Acres: 50,276 - Yukon Creek (12,489), Marshall Mountain (0.3), Central Creek (4,050), Central Creek Airstrip (6,978), Porcupine Creek (12,115), South Fork (2,779), Gold Hub (10,694), California Creek (700), Gilles Creek (471)
Start Date: Various | **Cause:** Lightning
Location: Northeast of Delta Junction | **Fuels:** Timber, grass, understory, and brush

Evacuations: Evacuation levels on the Goodpaster river were announced today consistent with those in the Salcha river corridor. River mile 0 to river mile 8.6 is now in **READY** status. River mile 8.6 to river mile 33.9 is in **SET** status. From the confluence with the South Fork Goodpaster River to Seven Mile Creek is in **READY**. The group of cabins along the Goodpaster River at the mouth of Central Creek is in **SET** status. Shaw Creek Road and the Pogo Mine area are in **Ready** status.

The residents off the road system and recreational cabins in the Middle Salcha River and Upper Salcha River Zones are in **SET** status. The Lower Salcha River remains in **READY**. When evacuation status changes, we will work with emergency management staff to make those announcements.

There is a community meeting tonight at the Delta Junction Community Center at 7:00 pm. It will be broadcast locally on KDHS Radio 95.5 FM and recorded and posted to Facebook after the meeting.

Operations: Smokejumpers are completing structure protection measures along the Salcha River corridor at cabins and buildings that are closest to the Yukon Fire. They will continue working downriver to prepare structures should the fire move toward the next group of buildings.

The Central Creek Fire and Gold Hub fires are impacting the Pogo Mine road and adjacent powerlines. Firefighters are protecting the power poles where fire comes down to the road by digging fire line around them or conducting defensive firing operations to remove fuels. Maintaining power and access to the mine are high priorities.

In the lower Goodpaster River corridor, Crane Valley hotshots continue structure protection around cabins and buildings near the South Fork Fire. Near the Central Creek Airstrip Fire in the upper Goodpaster River corridor, the fire has moved closer to the unoccupied structures at the mouth of Central Creek. The Porcupine, Gilles, Marshall Mountain, and California Creek fires are being monitored. Fire managers will check the fires from the air every two to three days for any significant changes or increased threats to structures.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning is in effect due to the potential for lightning. Rain overnight increased relative humidity and delivered up to a quarter inch of rain on most of the fires in the complex. The Yukon Creek fire received less, at one tenth of an inch. Rain will continue through the week as temperatures cool down.

Fire Behavior: Fire spread will be minimal today with lower temperatures and increased moisture. Fires will continue creeping and smoldering in surface fuels but are not expected to show much growth.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: Temporary Flight Restrictions are in place over the Gold Hub Fire. Flight restrictions are for any aircraft, including drones. If you fly, we can't!

Smoke: Visit <https://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke.net/outlook/fba6a113> for the current Smoke Outlook for Interior Alaska.

Fire Information:

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

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