



Minto Lakes Fire

Tuesday July 12, 2022
Daily Update



Acres: 37,523 acres | **Containment:** 0% | **Total personnel:** 291
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: Yesterday, precipitation was received across the entire fire area. Rainfall amounts ranged from 0.07” to 0.97” recorded at weather stations near the incident. Fire activity has significantly diminished overall as a result of the precipitation and increased relative humidity. Heat could still hold in exceptionally dry deep duff and heavier fuels.

There will be a Minto Lakes Fire Public Meeting tonight at 7pm at the Ken Kunkel Community Center 2645 Goldstream Rd., Fairbanks AK 99709.

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 Himilaya Subdivisions, please use caution in these areas. The fire area remains under a fuels and fire behavior advisory. [Fuels and Fire Behavior Advisory](#).

Operations: Firefighters will continue to provide for point protection of values at risk. Crews are working to secure, improve and reinforce protection measures, as well as beginning to back haul un-needed equipment. There is a dozer line in place to protect the communities east of the fire. Along the Chatanika river moving west from the communities of the Himilaya/Hayes Creek firefighters continue to assess needs for any additional protection measures along the river. The structure protection group in the Murphy Dome area (Lincoln, Vancouver, Murphy, Martin etc.) southeast of the fire have assessed structures and developed plans for protection in the event of any spread south. Crews continue to reinforce fire line and mop up heat around the Native allotments on the southwestern flank. Resource Advisors have been assigned to the incident and two more are expected to arrive soon. They will lead the effort to identify and protect values that could be impacted by the fire.



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: A high pressure system continues to dominate the weather pattern over the fire area. Thunderstorm activity today is projected to be greatly diminished in strength and coverage from what we have seen over the past few days. Temperatures are expected to be warm today in the lower 70’s and relative humidity will be in the 40’s.

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://outlooks.wildlandfiresmoke> for information about the latest Alaska smoke conditions.

Fire Information:

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

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