Alaska Department of Natural Resources **Division of Forestry & Fire Protection**

Alaska Incident Management Team

Lime Complex Daily Update

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The Lime Complex consists of two staffed fires and sixteen unstaffed fires. The total size of the combined fires is 865,620 acres, and there are 150 resources assigned to the complex, an area covering 21 million acres. Each of these fires was caused by lightning. We continue to monitor unstaffed fires for growth and potential threats to identified values.

<u>Highlights</u>: It takes a large, efficient team to care for and feed all the firefighters in the field. While crews typically eat MREs (Meals Ready to Eat, prepackaged preserved meals) for the first 2-3 days on a fire, they are provided with fresh food boxes afterward whenever possible. Since the creation of the Lime Complex on June 14, the teams have flown 230 fresh food boxes containing all the major food groups, plus numerous "comfort food" items, to the different fire camps around the vast expanse of the complex. Of the 230 boxes, 149 were type A, meant to feed two people for three days, and 81 were type B, meant to feed four people for three days. Here are just a few examples of exactly how much food has been delivered: 622 steaks; 149 pounds of bacon; 3,576 potatoes; 1,490 oranges; 149 pounds of fresh carrots; 1,490 tortillas; 304.5 pounds of cheese; 690 loaves of bread; 149 jars of peanut butter and 149 jars of jelly; 2,462 packets of hot chocolate mix; and 1,869 candy bars.

<u>Weather/Fire behavior</u>: Mostly cloudy skies are expected today as an area low pressure system moves across northern Alaska and a cold front approaches the complex. Scattered showers are expected. Temperatures will rise into the mid to upper 60s, while relative humidity should hold in the 55-65% range. Winds will be out of the south to west averaging 4-9 mph. Fire behavior/growth should be low today and for the next two to three days.

Staffed Fires in the Complex

Door Mountain Fire (#244) – 114,294 acres. The Malheur Rappel and Galice crews made good progress on the mop-up efforts around the Lime Village burn-out and put down a hose-lay on the northeast side. The Garden Valley and Idaho Panhandle crews repositioned to Tundra Lake to begin protecting allotments there. They estimate it will take three days to finish brushing and sawline there.

Pike Creek (#239)/Koktuli River (#240) – 293,970 combined acres. The Grande Ronde rappelers and Burns helitack crew have secured an allotment cluster and cabin site north of the Koktuli River. They were able to complete cold-trailing a portion of the edge.

The <u>Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR)</u> remains in place over the southern portion of the planning area near Lake Iliamna. Aerial water drops and logistical air support remain active in this area when smoke and weather allow for safe flying. Fire Boss planes are staged in McGrath and may be working out of waterways in the Iliamna and Lime Village areas. Helicopters and other aircraft providing support to firefighting resources on the ground will also be working in the area. Please avoid this airspace for public and firefighter safety. <u>Remember—the fire area is a no-fly zone for private</u> drones—if you fly we can't.

Unstaffed Fires in Monitor Status

Dummy Creek Fire (#247) \sim 179 acres; Cabin Creek Fire (#193) \sim 74 acres; Gagaryah River Fire (#197) \sim 38,910 acres; Kiknik Fire (245) \sim 45,734 acres; Maka Creek Fire (#207) \sim 2 acre; Nushagak River Fire (#189) \sim 10 acres; Stony River Fire (#198) \sim 40,419 acres; Telaquana River Fire (#216) \sim 7,791 acres; Titnuk Creek Fire (#246) \sim 53,291 acres; Upper Talarik (#205) \sim 9,133 acres; South Lime Lake Fire (#190)/Swift River Fire (#228 \sim 88,502; Door Creek Fire (#273) \sim 54,006 acres; Hook Creek Fire (#188) \sim 4,275; Aghaluk Mountain (#206) \sim 115,030

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