



## Middle Tanana Complex

Wednesday, July 13, 2022  
Daily Update 9:30 am



**Total Acres:** 57,934 - 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

**Highlights:** An Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), or drone, was assigned to the Middle Tanana Complex. The UAS comes with a team that controls the machine from the ground and operates the system it connects to. Yesterday the UAS was used for mapping the Gold Hub and Central Creek fires using infrared technology. Since the crew must have a direct line of sight with the drone, the remote fires without direct access could not be mapped.

**Operations:** Smokejumpers working on the north side of the Salcha River near the Yukon Creek Fire completed their structure protection work on cabins between Butte Creek and Flat Creek. Crews will patrol and monitor the area.

Along Shaw Creek Road towards the Pogo Mine, fire personnel are looking for natural features to check the Gold Hub Fire should it become active again. Several days ago, the Central Creek Fire spotted across Shaw Creek Road near mile 40. Over the last few days, firefighters scouted the area, identified, and extinguished six to ten found spot fires. The main fire did not cross the road, and firefighters continue work to protect the adjacent powerlines and scout for future opportunities to stop the Central Creek Fire. When the weather allows, crews will fly into the Central Creek Airstrip Fire to check the sprinkler systems and pumps around structures.

Near the South Fork Fire along the lower Goodpaster River corridor, firefighters will continue implementing structure protection around cabins and buildings. This work continues on the north side from river mile 26 to the confluence with the South Fork Goodpaster River.

The Porcupine, Gilles, Marshall Mountain, and California Creek fires are being monitored.

**Evacuations:** On the Goodpaster 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.

**Weather:** The next several days will be cool with temperatures in the low 70s, humidity staying above 35%, and with winds generally under 20 mph. Expect mostly cloudy conditions to persist for the next 5-7 days with below average temperatures.

**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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