

# **WILDFIRE UPDATE - Delta Area**

## **Pogo Mine Road Fire (#191) & Mount Hayes Fire (#299)**

**Friday - August 18, 2023**

### ***Continued favorable weather aids firefighters in direct suppression***

Weakened winds Thursday night should persist through Saturday. Isolated showers are predicted to impact the fire area throughout the weekend. Lower temperatures and higher relative humidities provide advantageous conditions for firefighters on the ground and have lowered the fires' resistance to control. Both fires will continue to put up visible smoke at times, while resources work to complete their objectives.

**Pogo Mine Road Fire (#191)** – 48,745 acres | 164 personnel | 12 miles NW of Delta  
The road group continues falling and removing fire-weakened trees along Pogo Mine Road to keep it passable and safe. Smokejumpers will be flown by helicopter to assess and protect cabins in and around the fire perimeter. Chena Hotshots, Franco Forestry, and North Pacific fire crews have made good progress cutting saw line around and securing the portion of the fire that spotted over the Alyeska Pipeline. Tanana Chiefs Conference Crew, the Tongass Fire Suppression Module and Arroyo Grande Hotshots are in place for both structure protection and mop up close to structures.

**Mount Hayes Fire (#299)** – 7,085 acres | 25 personnel | 7 miles SE of Deltana  
There has been no notable growth on the fire over the last week. The fire is currently being monitored by air. Sierra Hotshots are implementing cabin protection for three public-use Alaska Fish & Game cabins located east of the Gerstle River. Resources remain in place on the dozer line designated to keep the fire from moving north to the Alaska Highway. Drones, or Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), flew the fire yesterday to identify remaining areas of heat to focus the efforts of resources on priority areas.

**A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place for the fires, pilots please check NOTAMs.**

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