



Lost Horse Creek Fire Update

August 21, 2023

Incident Commander: Peter Butteri

Start Date: July 28, 2023

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 23%

Location: 22 miles N of Fairbanks, AK

Fire Size: 9,317 acres

Total Personnel: 222

(Fairbanks, AK) – This will be the FINAL written update from the Alaska Incident Management Team (IMT) concerning the Lost Horse Creek Fire (#296). If notable activity occurs, updates will be provided on AK Fire Info, Alaska DNR-DOF Facebook Page, and InciWeb. Starting Monday, August 21 at 8pm, the public and media should call the Alaska statewide fire information line at 907-356-5511 with any questions.

Today, we will see an additional reduction in resources on the fire as work is completed and the fire transitions to a Type 3 organization. Incident Commander Mike Haisten will assume command of the fire on Tuesday, August 22 at 8am.

“The Alaska Green Team would like to thank all the cooperators and community members that have contributed to the firefighting effort. We appreciate your patience, support, and hospitality during our time here on the fire” says Incident Commander Peter Butteri.

Due to more accurate mapping, acreage for the fire has decreased slightly to 9,317 acres. The Pioneer Peak Interagency Hotshot Crew is completing mop-up operations on the southwest corner. Four excavators are working across the southern portion of the fire to repair direct dozer line put in place during fire suppression. This repair work will be done along the entire southern perimeter from the southwest corner around to the Haystack 2021 burn scar. Fire managers are expecting this work to be completed in the next 7-10 days if weather cooperates. The masticator work on the indirect Chatinika line, located to the east of Middle Fork Rd and the Haystack community, is complete.

CLOSURES: Olnes Pond campground is closed in order to support fire operations. It is expected to open to the public on Wednesday, August 23. The western portion of the White Mountains National Recreation Area is closed per the BLM Eastern Interior Field Office. Visit [Alaska Fire Restrictions | Bureau of Land Management \(blm.gov\)](#) for the most up to date status on this closure.

TEMPORARY FLIGHT RESTRICTION (TFR) is in effect through August 23, 2023. The TFR will be rescinded on August 24, 2023. For more details, visit [3/4417 NOTAM Details \(tfr.faa.gov\)](#).

The phone numbers and email listed below will no longer be active after Monday, August 21, 2023 at 8pm. Information will be posted to the websites listed below if notable activity occurs.

Public Information: (907) 921- 2555 **Media Inquiries:** (907) 921- 2554

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