

ANDERSON COMPLEX DAILY FIRE UPDATE | Monday, Aug. 14, 2023



Anderson Complex Fire Information **Phone:** (907) 921-2553 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) **Email:** 2023.andersoncomplex@firenet.gov

Evacuation status to change for Rose Hip Creek, Clear Sky

The Denali Borough will announce a change today to the evacuation status for residents of the Rose Hip Creek area and Clear Sky homestead from **GO** to **SET**. Individuals in this area should be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice if necessary. Those re-entering burned areas should be aware of possible hazards, including fire-damaged trees, ash pits, smoldering stumps or logs, and the potential for flash flooding. Firefighters will still be in the area. Please give them room to work.

The City of Anderson, the North Forties subdivision, and Kobe Ag subdivision are in evacuation status **READY.** Individuals in this area should remain ready for possible evacuation.

The Teklanika River and all residents along the Teklanika River remain in evacuation status **GO**. Individuals in this area should evacuate now. Do not delay. The Tri-Valley School is available for evacuation parking and will be available as an evacuation center, if needed.

Visit the Denali Borough website for additional information.

FIRE UPDATE: A Blackhawk helicopter was used once again to drop water on the northeast area of the Shores Landing Fire (#325) yesterday afternoon following an increase in fire activity. The fire continues to show areas of heat around the perimeter but has not increased in acreage for more than a week.

Today, an 8-person wildland fire crew from Joint Basin Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) finished providing defensible space for one allotment northeast of the Shores Landing Fire. Today they will work to protect a second allotment in the area. Most of the Shasta Lake Hotshots were moved yesterday to support crews working in the area of the Teklanika River Fire (#257). They are securing fire line where possible, extinguishing areas that are still showing heat and felling fire-damaged trees. Pumps, hoses, and sprinklers that are no longer needed are being dismantled for return to the fire cache.



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Crews in the Anderson-Nenana Group are also disassembling excess pumps, hoses and sprinklers for return to the cache. They are working on suppression repair to reduce the lasting impacts of firefighting efforts. The Anderson-Nenana Group and Clear Group are responsible for responding to any new fire within the Anderson Complex.

Some members of the Shasta Lake Hotshots are still in the Rose Hip Creek and Clear Sky homestead. They are breaking down firefighting equipment that is no longer needed around structures in the area. The crew is also removing firedamaged trees and extinguishing any hotspots they find.

Crews in the North Forties and Kobe Ag subdivisions are removing pumps, hoses, and sprinklers that are no longer necessary for structure protection. They will also work with heavy equipment operators to repair areas that were disturbed by firefighters during their work to protect structures from the Teklanika River Fire and Birch Creek Fire.

The Rock Creek Fire (#287) has not shown any growth for more than a week. Firefighters assessed structures around Dune Lake yesterday. The assessments were done to help develop a plan to protect structures and allotments in the area should the fire threaten them.

The Anderson Complex includes the Teklanika River Fire (#257), Birch Creek Fire (#285), Shores Landing Fire (#325), Rock Creek Fire (#287), Bear Creek Fire (#287), Kobe Road Fire (#297), Nenana River Fire (#288), and Nenana River 2 Fire (#289).

WEATHER: The weather is expected to be calm today, entering a pattern of little activity for the rest of the week. Partly to mostly cloudy skies and fair weather are expected. Afternoon showers and isolated thunderstorms are possible. Temperatures will begin to cool off, with daytime highs only getting up into the 60s.

CLOSURE: The City of Anderson has closed the shooting range until further notice for firefighter and public safety. Firefighters are working in the area for the next several days. The campground and playground are open.