



# STATE OF ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

## ANDERSON COMPLEX DAILY FIRE UPDATE | Friday, Aug. 18, 2023



Anderson Complex Fire Information  
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### **Anderson Complex crews see minimal fire activity**

Firefighters assigned to the Anderson Complex saw minimal fire activity yesterday. Cooler temperatures, higher humidity and significant rainfall in some areas have reduced fire activity to creeping and smoldering. Crews, however, remain vigilant. They continue to provide protection for structures and allotments still threatened by the Teklanika River Fire (#257) and Shores Landing Fire (#325). They are also extinguishing hotspots and felling fire-damaged trees to improve fire control lines.

Crews are removing firefighting equipment from areas where it is no longer needed. Miles of hose and scores of sprinklers and pumps are being pulled from the field. Heavy rain near the Birch Creek Fire (#285) made some roads impassable yesterday due to deep water. Three UTVs that firefighters no longer needed were airlifted from the area by a Blackhawk helicopter. Firefighters also had to be flown out of the area. The helicopter will be used again today as needed.

Suppression repair work is progressing in the North Forties and Kobe Ag subdivision. A dozer line that was put in to the east of the North Forties has been repaired to reduce erosion and reopen access to roads and trails. Today firefighters working alongside heavy equipment operators will perform the same work on the dozer line to the north of the subdivision. A grader is also working in the area to return roads to pre-fire conditions.

A contingent of firefighters assigned to the Anderson Complex remain ready to respond to any new fires in the area.

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). The fires have a combined acreage of 58,933 acres.



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**WEATHER:** Scattered showers are expected today. Winds will still be from the southwest with gusts up to 20 mph. The high temperature is expected to be in the low 60s.

**EVACUATION STATUS:** 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.

Rose Hip Creek and Clear Sky Homestead are in evacuation status **READY**. Individuals in this area should remain ready for possible evacuation.

All other residents, including those in the City of Anderson, North Forties and Kobe Ag subdivisions have been released from Evacuation Status. Residents in this area should remain alert and informed.

Visit the [Denali Borough website](#) for additional information.