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## **DIVISION OF FORESTRY WILDLAND FIRE INCIDENT RELEASE**

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### **Moose Mountain Fire**

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## **Moose Mountain Fire Update**

(Fairbanks, AK) - Last night firefighter crews established bulldozer and hand cut fire line around approximately 50 percent of the fire. There are more than 130 personnel, including seven crews, currently on the fire. Three Type 2 crews are on order and expected to arrive today.

A Type II Incident Management has been ordered and will arrive in Fairbanks tomorrow. **A Community Meeting is planned at 7pm , Sunday, May 22, Ken Kunkel Community Center on Goldstream road.**

The objectives today are to continue building hand and dozer line around the fire perimeter. Fire managers are hoping to tie into existing lines, but fire behavior will play a role in determining whether these efforts are successful.

Retardent drops and helicopter water drops started this morning, cooling hotspots and aiding firefighters in the fire line construction.

Wildland fire information for the Moose Mountain Fire is being provided by Fairbanks Area Forestry at 907-451-2626, extension 2. An InciWeb site has been established and is being kept up-to-date with photos and information about the fire at <http://inciweb.org/incident/2240/>.

Fire-related traffic is heavy along the road system in the vicinity of the fire and fire officials ask that drivers avoid the area, unless they are residents or absolutely need to travel roads in close proximity (including Goldstream).

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the fire and commercial and private pilots should check Notices to Airmen (NOTAMS) for more information. Airplanes and helicopters are at work over the fire and pilots should be extra aware in the airspace surrounding the TFR as firefighting aircraft will be flying to and from the fire.

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