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Karen Scholl, Incident Commander

Abe Davis, Incident Commander Trainee

On Monday at 8:00 am, command of the Anaconda Creek Fire transitioned from a Type 2 Incident Management Team to a Type 3 fire organization. The Incident Command Post will remain at the Pleasant Valley Community Center.

West Fork Fire:

Yesterday, the West Fork Fire was monitored by helicopter. During the flight, an acre and a half area inside the fire that had previously burned was re-burning. Critically hot and dry weather dried ground fuels that were initially too moist to burn. Two loads of retardant, six smokejumpers and the Pioneer Peak hotshots worked the area of heat as a precaution to keep the fire from escaping containment. Today, the smokejumpers will be released and the Pioneer Peak hotshots will continue to mop up the interior burn.

Anaconda Creek Fire:

Yesterday on the Anaconda Creek Fire, crews continued to secure the fire's western edge, achieving 90% containment. The firefighters also continued to mop up along the previously secured edge 300 feet in from the fire line. All work to improve an old dozer line for use as a contingency line has been completed. Today, hand crews will continue securing the edge of the fire and mopping up.

The forecast for today calls for cooler temperatures, higher relative humidity and a chance of rain. The extended forecast suggests that this trend will continue, but remains uncertain.

Closures remain in effect for all trails north of Chena Hot Springs Road in the Chena River State Recreation Area. All trails south of Chena Hot Springs Road are open. Chena Hot Springs and local businesses also remain open. For more information about closures please contact Brooks Ludwig at (907) 451-2698, or brooks.ludwig@alaska.gov.

Temporary flight restriction (TFR) is in effect over the Anaconda Creek Fire. The West Fork TFR has been lifted. Pilots are advised to visit www.pilotweb.nas.faa.gov to view these Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs), and additional TFRs also in place across Alaska.

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

<http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4321/>

Facebook: Anaconda Creek Fire

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Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreage	Anaconda: 1091 acres West Fork: 231 acres
Fire Containment	Anaconda: 90% West Fork: 100%
Incident Commander	Karen Scholl Abe Davis (trainee)
Start Date	June 20, 2015
Cause	Lightning
Total Personnel	Anaconda: 74 West Fork: 28
Structures Lost	0
Jurisdiction	Alaska Division of Forestry
Cooperators	Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska State Troopers, Bureau of Indian Affairs