



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #5

Rich Nieto-Incident Commander

AGGIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE Friday July 10, 2015

Acres: 26,487

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 27%

Total personnel: 437

Start Date: June 22, 2015

Location: 30 miles NW of Fairbanks, AK

Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass/rugged terrain

Yesterday: Crews continued to hold established fire-line perimeter to the south and east of the fire. New fire growth was minimal due to higher humidity and light winds.

Today: Due to favorable weather conditions, crews are conducting approximately 1 1/2 miles of burnout operations along the Alyeska Trans-Alaska Pipeline on the eastern perimeter of the fire near mile post 37. Both hand and aerial ignition may be used. Due to these burnout operations, there will be a significant increase in smoke production along the burnout area into the late evening. Crews will continue to monitor the area throughout the day. Other internal areas of unburned timber continue to creep and have active surface fire. Some isolated torching of black spruce may occur.

Tomorrow: Fire growth is expected to be moderate to high with higher temperatures and lower humidity. Fire managers will actively work to complete all remaining structure protection work as well as strengthen existing fire perimeter lines. If conditions allow, additional burnout operations may occur near mile post 39.

Smoke: Due to burnout operations, there will be an increase in smoke production into the late evening tonight. However, smoke is predicted to lift away from nearby communities and be completely gone by morning. Caution is recommended while traveling in the area Elliot Highway area due to localized smoke.

Closure: An area closure for the White Mountain National Recreation Area remains in effect. The Wickersham Dome trail is also closed.

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