



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #5

Rich Nieto-Incident Commander

AGGIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Saturday July 11, 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 successfully completed a 1 ½ mile burnout operation along the Alyeska Trans-Alaska Pipeline including the 'Snow Pad'. Additionally, all planned structure protection was completed in nearby areas.

Today: Fire managers are anticipating an increase in fire growth and activity due to higher temperatures and lower humidity. Active fire behavior, including individual and group tree torching, may occur due to extremely dry conditions. Additionally, some previously burned areas may experience flare-ups or reburn. Air tankers and helicopters are available as necessary for water drops.

"We have been building up to today all week" said Incident Commander, Rich Nieto. "Our crews are prepared and ready to safely adapt as conditions change on the ground."

If favorable conditions develop, crews may conduct an additional 4 miles of burnout operations along the Alyeska Trans-Alaska Pipeline on the eastern perimeter of the fire from mile post 39 to Pump Station 7. Both hand and aerial ignition may be used. Crews will continue to monitor the area throughout the day and strengthen the existing fire perimeter to the south.

Smoke: Due to burnout operations, there will be an increase in smoke production throughout the day. 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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