



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #5

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AGGIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE Monday July 13, 2015 AM

Acres: 31,755
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 37%
Total personnel: 495

Start Date: June 22, 2015
Location: 30 miles NW of Fairbanks, AK
Fuels/Topography: Timber, grass/rugged terrain

Yesterday: Approximately 3,200 acres of new fire growth occurred primarily to the west despite some areas of the fire receiving precipitation. Forest conditions remained critically dry. Additionally, fire managers saw some active fire spread, including 3-4 foot flame lengths, in several interior pockets of previously unburned timber.

Crews continued to hold the existing fire perimeter line along the Alyeska Trans-Alaska Pipeline near Pump Station 7. No new burnout operations were conducted.

Today: With the second consecutive day of slightly higher humidity, fire managers are anticipating moderate fire behavior with creeping fire behavior and some active surface fire. Crews will continue to actively patrol and hold all existing fire-line to the south and east.

“We are extremely pleased with efforts on the ground” said Alaska DNR Northern Regional Forester, Tim Dabney. “Lots of work remains to be done, but we are confident in the path forward.”

Crews will be actively constructing new perimeter line along the northern flank of the fire toward Tatalina Creek. No burnout operations are planned at this time.

Smoke: Residual smoke from interior burning may impact local areas in the Elliot Highway area. Caution is recommended.

Closure: An area closure for the White Mountain National Recreation Area is in effect. For full details on the closure please visit: <http://akfireinfo.com/> The Wickersham Dome trail is also closed.

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