



SOUTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #5

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AGGIE CREEK FIRE UPDATE

Friday July 17, 2015 AM

Acres: 31,885
Cause: Lightning
Containment: 44%
Total personnel: 375

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

Yesterday: Fire mangers completed fire perimeter line on the southern and northern flanks. These actions tie the fire perimeter into the natural barrier of the Tatalina River (western flank). To strengthen this newly completed line, crews conducted limited hand and aerial ignition. To the east along the Elliott Highway corridor, crews continued mop-up of existing fire perimeter line to extinguish any remaining heat near the fire line. Additionally, all sprinklers have been removed from nearby communities.

With higher temperatures and lower humidity, active surface fire was reported in pockets of unburned timber and grass. The fire continued to hold heat and smolder throughout the day.

Today: Today the fire will experience slightly lower temperatures and higher humidity. If conditions are favorable, crews may conduct small burnout operations to eliminate pockets of unburned timber and grass near the fire line in the southwest corner of the fire. The fire is expected to continue creeping and smoldering internally.

Smoke: Residual smoke from the fire may impact local areas in the Elliott Highway area. Caution is recommended.

Closures: None.

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