

Manley Area Fires
Fire Update – July 10, 2015
 Fire Information (907) 672-3202



The Rocky Mountain Type 2 Incident Management Team Black assumed command of the Baker and Beauty Fires as of 6 a.m. on Friday, July 10. Both fires were previously being managed by a Type 3 fire organization. The Type 2 Team also assumed command of the Hay Slough Fire (except for the protection of values threatened that are accessible by the Tanana and Yukon Rivers). Fire management organizations provide oversight for firefighting efforts. The “type” of a team relates to their ability to manage different levels of complexity. A Type 5 fire may only require a few individuals responding to a single tree fire. As the numbers decrease, the degree of complexity increases. The transition to a Type 2 and the additional staff is a result of providing oversight for portions of the Hay Slough Fire, in addition to the Baker and Beauty Fires, and not necessarily a worsening of conditions.

Yesterday, the incoming Incident Management Team worked directly with the resources that have been assigned to the fires to gather information about the recent and current fire behavior, as well as the structure protection efforts that have been put in place.

Today will be mostly cloudy in the fire area with a 30 percent chance of precipitation. Temperatures are expected to reach 75 degrees F, and relative humidity values could reach 40 percent. Winds will be light and variable throughout the day. The extended forecast calls for similar conditions, with an increasing likelihood of precipitation early next week.

The expected weather could impact firefighters’ ability to conduct a proposed burnout operation designed to provide further structure protection to the homes along the Elliot Highway and in the Eureka area. The burnout would only be conducted if it is safe to do so, and is expected to last no more than two days. Once completed, risk to those homes from future fire activity will be greatly diminished.

Today, crews will continue to identify structures and other values at risk, and continue to implement structure protection as necessary across all areas impacted by the Manley Area Fires. Resources assigned in the Baker and Eureka area will continue to prepare for a possible burnout and evaluate both weather and fuel conditions to do so safe and effectively. The Incident Management Team will also assist with fire suppression in the area should any new fires start.

Quick Facts Incident Summary	
Approximate Acreage	14,513 acres
Fire Containment	0%
Incident Commander	Shane Greer
Start Date	June 21, 2015
Cause	Lightning
Total Personnel	192
Structures Lost	0
Jurisdiction	Alaska Fire Service
Cooperators	Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Department of Natural Resources