



## Isom Creek Fire Update

June 20, 2020  
Incident Commander: Ed Sanford

**Start Date:** 06/05/2020

**Location:** 17 miles SW of Stevens Village, AK

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fire Size:** 12,179 acres

**Containment:** 67%

**Total Personnel:** 282

(FAIRBANKS, Alaska) – Wet conditions persist, limiting activity on the Isom Creek Fire #187. Hotshots and hand crews are ready to conduct burnout operations but favorable burning conditions are not likely in the next several days. Six crews remain on the fire, in addition to engines and air support. Efforts are focused on keeping the active fire front in check and mop up along the rest of the perimeter. The Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team is planning to transition command to a local Type 3 organization on Monday, June 22. Operations will be based at the BLM Five Mile Campground north of the Yukon River.

Native allotments and structures in the river corridor are secured and mopped up. Until burnout operations are completed or a more direct line is developed and secured, the eastern edge of the fire will remain a threat for potential spread when warm, dry weather returns. Fire managers are determining how much heat remains in the fire edge, with cool, damp weather over the area.

The Dalton Highway remains open to travel, with traffic control as needed for smoke conditions or in support of firefighting efforts. The Five Mile Campground near the Yukon Bridge on the Dalton Highway remains closed to public access; it is reserved for crews fighting the Isom Creek Fire. The Yukon River Camp north of the Yukon River Bridge at milepost 56 is open for food, fuel and lodging.

The fire reached the Trans-Alaska Pipeline; however, it is not damaged as it was designed to withstand wildfires. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) remains in place over the fire and some of the surrounding area to provide a safe operating environment for firefighting aircraft. Go to <https://tfr.faa.gov> for more information on the TFR.

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