

Bear Creek Fire and Saint George Creek Fire



June 29, 2025

Bear Creek Fire: 27,943 acres

Saint George Creek Fire: 22,343 acres

261 personnel

Dry weather and seasonable temperatures will continue over the next few days across the Bear Creek Fire and Saint George Fire. Fire behavior is expected to be moderate and may create some internal smokes.

Bear Creek Fire. Crews continue to mop up along Bear Creek, Washington Creek, and June Creek. The Birch Creek area structure protection continued with sprinkler and hoselay set up. The Magpie Drive area structure protection is nearing completion with construction of a dozer line.

Although fire behavior appears minimal, the fire is not yet contained and firefighters are actively working on control, containment, and protection. Be aware of heavy equipment and crews along the highway; drive slowly for safety. Even if smoke is not visible, there could be active fire in the duff, resulting in ash pits and hazard trees. Always be aware of your surroundings and follow safety guidelines for burned areas.

Saint George Creek Fire. In the Gold King Creek area, the crew continues structure protection and mop up. Today, a crew was placed in the northeast corner toward the Wood River to secure structures. Additional Uncrewed Aircraft System (UAS) flights were completed to identify hot spots.

Evacuations remain in place and unchanged. Denali Borough and fire managers meet regularly to consider whether evacuation levels are accurate to provide for public safety and the safety of firefighters. The evacuation shelter is located in the Tri-Valley School in Healy. For the most accurate information and evacuation status maps visit the Denali Borough website (https://www.denaliborough.org) or Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/denali.borough). You may also call or text the Denali Borough Fire Info line between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at 907-378-7985.

Thank you for your patience with traffic control. Even though fire activity has decreased, there is still fire danger and heavy equipment working along the highway. Please drive slowly behind pilot cars for firefighter and public safety. Motorists should expect delays lasting 30-45 minutes. Check road conditions on the Alaska Department of Transportation website (https://511.alaska.gov).

If you fly, we can't! A temporary flight restriction (TFR; <u>FDC 5/8646</u>) is in place for the fire area to protect firefighter safety. Drones are prohibited in this area; any use of drones will ground aircraft and may endanger firefighters.

More information: Follow Alaska Wildland Fire Information (https://akfireinfo.com), Inciweb (https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/akfas-2025-bear-creek-fire-group), and updates on social media (https://www.facebook.com/AK.Forestry). For information about the Bear Creek Fire and Saint George Creek Fire, call 907-318-2018 or email 2025.bearcreek@firenet.gov.