



Fire Update

[BLM Alaska Fire Service](#)

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Full containment reached on Doll Fire eight miles northwest of Stevens Village; structure protection nearly complete on Polly Fire

Three fires are being staffed in the Upper Yukon Zone, including, the **Doll Fire (#454)**, the **Tlozhavun Fire (#448)**, and the **Polly Fire (#435)**. Firefighters will demobilize from the Doll Fire by end of shift today.

Doll Fire (#454) – Reported on July 14, mapped at 9 acres and located 8 miles northwest of Stevens Village. The fire reached 100% containment late on July 15. Smokejumpers have completed mop-up operations, successfully extinguishing remaining hot spots along the fire's edge. Recent precipitation contributed significantly to suppression efforts by helping to douse lingering heat.

Barring any significant changes in conditions, smokejumpers plan to declare the fire controlled today and will demobilize personnel in preparation for potential new initial attack assignments. This is the last report for the Doll Fire unless significant activity occurs.

Tlozhavun Fire (#448) – The fire, now estimated at approximately 21 acres, is located 10 miles south of Fort Yukon. It is currently 20% contained and is being managed under a full suppression strategy. The fire is burning within an old fire scar with a heavy concentration of dead and downed logs, spruce, and brush, contributing to moderate fire behavior. Fire activity included smoldering and creeping, with isolated tree torching.

Weather conditions yesterday featured 100% cloud cover and steady drizzle. Despite the moisture, rain largely skirted the fire area. Overall, fire behavior remained moderated due to the weather.

Currently, 35 personnel are assigned to the incident, including members of the Olympic National Park module, smokejumpers and the Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments Type 2 wildland firefighting crew. Mop-up operations are ongoing, with crews working to extinguish all heat within a 10-foot depth of the fire perimeter. This will continue until a 50-foot depth is achieved.

Polly Fire (#435) – The fire, located about 34 miles south of Eagle and 2 miles from milepost 108 on the Taylor Highway, is now estimated at 650 acres following an aerial reconnaissance flight. Yesterday, rain moderated fire behavior, though there were some isolated flare-ups and single-tree torching in the Steele Creek drainage. Thunderstorm cells were nearby but did not pass directly over the fire.

Two fingers of the fire have reached the bottom of the Steele Creek drainage. The fire is approximately 1 mile from the historic Steele Creek Roadhouse. On the ridge closer to the Taylor Highway there has been no fire movement observed for two days, remaining 1.5 miles from the highway. A two-track road between the Taylor Highway and Steele Creek Roadhouse is serving to slow and check the fire's growth to the west.

Today, a helicopter will ferry smokejumpers across the river to reinforce structure protection work at the mine site. The helicopter will support the smokejumpers throughout the day.

The travel advisory has been lifted for travelers for milepost 100 to milepost 115 on the Taylor Highway. There are currently no closures or evacuations for the area. Although recent rain has moderated fire behavior, travelers are still advised to use caution on the Taylor Highway and avoid the area if possible. For the best road condition information visit, 511.alaska.gov.

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