Fire Update

BLM Alaska Fire Service

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Tlozhavun Fire declared out; crews continue fire and aviation operations on the Ptarmigan Complex

Fire managers called the Tlozhavun Fire out yesterday after the fire was 100% contained and completely suppressed. A 38-person Type 4 management organization continues to strategically engage on the Ptarmigan Complex fires. Warmer and drier weather will move into the BLM Alaska Fire Service (BLM AFS) Upper Yukon Zone, which covers northeastern Alaska, over the weekend.

Tlozhavun Fire (#448) – The Tlozhavun Fire is officially out as of Wednesday after fire personnel determined the fire was out and there was no risk of the fire again becoming active. The fire was placed in monitor status. The Tlozhavun Fire was discovered 10 miles south of Fort Yukon on July 13. This will be the last update that discusses this fire unless conditions dramatically change.

Ptarmigan Complex – The 50,590-acre complex includes several active fires and three that have been declared out, including the **Deadwood Fire** (#214) two miles southeast of Central. A Type 4 management organization remains on the complex and is utilizing firefighters and aviation resources to continue suppression and monitoring efforts.

- Crews extinguished two lingering hotspots on the **Alligator Fire (#265)** on Wednesday. Today, a crew will head back to address an additional hotspot. Otherwise, fire activity is minimal, and the incident remains 100% contained. The Alligator Fire is located about 3 miles north of Central and was first discovered on June 20.
- The Crow Peak Wildland Fire Module from South Dakota and the Alaska Range Suppression Module continued their work on the **Turtle Fire** (#243). They have eliminated all hotspots within 300 feet along the north edge of the fire perimeter, ensuring no remaining heat.
- Firefighters continue to monitor other fires within the complex including the **Birch Fire** (#256) and the **Ikheenjik Fire** (#242), backhaul equipment, and identify opportunities to rehabilitate impacted areas.

Despite minimal fire activity, warm, dry weather in the Yukon Flats in the coming days means fire managers will continue to watch for and be ready to respond to new starts in the area.

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