



Bear Creek and Saint George Creek Fires

Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/akfas-2025-bear-creek-fire-group>

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Northern Rockies Team 8, Incident Commander: Brad Bergman

Location: Bear Creek Fire: 14 miles NW of Healy, Alaska

Saint George Creek Fire: 30 miles E of Anderson, Alaska

Start Date: 06/19/2025;

Cause: Lightning ** **Size:** Bear Creek Fire: 30,575 acres (As of 7/6); Saint George Creek Fire: 41,349

Completion/Containment: Bear Creek Fire: 17%; Saint George Creek Fire: 0%

312+ Total Personnel; 8 Engines; 5 Helicopters; 4 Hand Crews

KEY MESSAGE:

Though fire behavior moderated today and is expected to decrease this week, the Bear Creek Fire and Saint George Creek Fire remain active ~~fires that~~ and pose risks to public health and safety. Public caution and patience are advised, especially along the Parks Highway between Anderson and Healy, where firefighters and heavy equipment are active and where travel delays will occur.

CURRENT STATUS:

Bear Creek Fire: Monday, Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 8 will assume command of the Bear Creek and Saint George Creek Fires. On Sunday, firefighters worked to protect structures in the Bear Creek and June Creek communities by extinguishing any nearby remaining heat and embers. Fire containment increased on the Bear Creek Fire while utility workers continued ~~working in~~ partnership-coordination with Incident Management ~~to,~~ repairing fiber optic cables damaged earlier in the fire. On the west and northeast side of Bear Creek, firefighters continue ~~to~~ monitoring fire activity. On the south and southeast side of the fire, air retardant drops are reducing fire behavior as crews work to connect existing firelines.

Saint George Creek Fire: On the northeast side of the fire, crews followed up on Saturday's successful burnout operations, mopping up hot spots to secure structures. Near the Gold Creek community, firefighters dug up burning material and extinguished ~~the~~ existing heat and embers. The Gold Creek area burned erratically, creating fingers and pockets of unburned fuel. Air assets dropped retardant in this area to slow the fire's spread and protect structures. Monday, firefighters will continue securing structures on the northeast corner of the fire with hose lays and saw lines and will continue constructing fuel breaks for structure protection on the southeast corner of the fire.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Spotty rain fell on both fires on July 6 and additional rain is expected over the course of the week, with a likelihood of scattered rain from the 7th-9th. Lower temperatures and higher relative humidity moderated

overall fire behavior. Lower temperatures are forecasted to continue through the 9th, further reducing the fire intensity.

EVACUATIONS

The Level 3 GO evacuation area for the Saint George Creek Fire was expanded on July 3. In coordination with fire managers, the Denali Borough downgraded evacuation status for the Bear Creek Fire area. For the most accurate information and evacuation status maps visit the Denali Borough website (<https://www.denaliborough.org>) or Facebook page (<http://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.

STATE OF ALASKA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Designed to help individuals and families recover from damage to their primary residence and other essential property including Individual and Family Grants (IFG) and Temporary Housing Grants (THG). The registration period is from June 27 - August 27, 2025. Register at: <https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA> or call: 844-445-7131.

MORE INFORMATION

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