

Bear Creek and Saint George Creek Fires



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

Alaska Wildland Fire Information (https://akfireinfo.com); Alaska Forestry Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/AK.Forestry

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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, Total Personnel: 286; 7 Engines; 4 Helicopters; 5 Hand Crews **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** Bear Creek Fire: 30,988 acres; Saint George Creek Fire: 42,208 **Completion/Containment:** Bear Creek Fire: 17% Saint George Creek Fire: 0%

KEY MESSAGE:

The State of Alaska is offering support through the Alaska Individual Assistance Program which helps people whose homes or essential property have been impacted by the fires. This includes: Individual and Family Grants (IFG) and Temporary Housing Grants (THG). Apply between June 27 - August 27, 2025. Visit: https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA, Call: 844-445-7131.

CURRENT STATUS:

Bear Creek Fire: On Thursday, firefighters connected and strengthened firelines on the south and southeast side of the fire and extinguished smoldering hotspots near the lines. Access to the Bear Creek and Washington communities remain limited due to muddy conditions. Near the Magpie subdivision crews improved existing fuel breaks adjacent to existing dozer lines.

Saint George Creek Fire: On Thursday, a hot shot crew flew to cabins on the fire's southeast corner near Dry Creek to cut firelines and create fuel breaks around structures. Crews also improved defenses on the fire's northeast flank near Gold King Creek. Work will continue Friday, with more line construction and structure protection efforts.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Thursday brought higher temperatures and lower humidity, but fire behavior remained low. Light to moderate rain fell Thursday on the Saint George Fire, while the Bear Creek fire saw less rain.

Temperatures are expected to peak in the mid-80s on Sunday. The warming trend is predicted to continue through Tuesday.

EVACUATIONS

On July 9, the evacuation status for sections of the Bear Creek fire was downgraded from set to ready. The updated evacuation status applies to the following areas: Milepost 258 to the Rex Bridge (Jack Coghill Memorial) including all properties accessed by the Kobe Road, Piano Avenue, the Bear Creek Subdivision, the June Creek Subdivision, Magpie Avenue, the Rock Creek Subdivision, and the Ferry Parking Lot. Areas in READY should stay alert and monitor for evacuation status updates.

The Level 3 GO evacuation area for the Saint George Creek Fire was expanded on July 3. No changes have been made to evacuation status on the Saint George Creek Fire since then.

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.