

# Current fire and fireworks restrictions this 4th of July weekend

Restrictions affecting fireworks, burning, and other fires are in place in many places across the state due to an increase in fire activity in Interior Alaska and the relocation of firefighting resources. These restrictions are especially important to help ensure a safe holiday weekend for the public and emergency responders. Please be extremely careful with anything that could cause a spark and reduce the number of human-caused fires.

# **Campfire restrictions**

**Bureau of Land Management:** The Fairbanks District Office and Anchorage District Office issued fire prevention orders for the <u>Eastern Interior Field Office</u> (Steese/White Mtns. and Fortymile areas), <u>Anchorage Field Office</u>, and <u>Glennallen Field Office</u> (click on links for district maps).

- <u>Fairbanks District Office Fire Prevention Order</u> restricts open fires, fireworks, and explosives on BLM-managed lands throughout the District except for areas north Wiseman. Click on this <u>link for prevention order map</u>.
- Anchorage District Office Fire Prevention Order restricts open fires, fireworks and explosives on BLM-Managed Land throughout the District except for the far west and panhandle. Click on this <u>link for prevention order map</u>.
- Open campfires are prohibited except within fire rings at established campgrounds.
- Camp stoves, gas barbeques or grills, and charcoal briquettes in a fire-proof pan are allowed in campgrounds and on other BLM lands.
- More information about <u>BLM fire closures and restrictions</u>.

### **Denali National Park**

- Open wood fires are currently prohibited in Denali National Park and Preserve. "Open fires" refers to any flame source not immediately extinguishable or controllable and applies to any form of wood fire, even in established fire rings.
- More info about Denali National Park fire restrictions.

# State of Alaska restrictions

- Temporary <u>burn suspensions</u> are in place in multiple areas of Alaska. This means no open debris burning or use of burn barrels (fires that already require burn permits). Burn suspensions do NOT restrict the use of fires on private or State of Alaska land for cooking, warming, and signaling fires as long as the fires are less than 3 feet in diameter.
- Burn Suspensions are currently in place for the Anchorage Mat-Su Area and the Fairbanks Area.
  These suspensions are evaluated on a daily basis; check with your local Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Area Office: <a href="https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn">https://dnr.alaska.gov/burn</a>

• Remember that State laws and regulations pertaining to burning practices apply statewide year-round.

# Fireworks and other explosives

Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and National Forest lands

 No fireworks, explosives, or pyrotechnic device of any kind may be discharged anywhere on National Forests or National Park Service lands, regardless of weather conditions or holidays, at any time of the year.

# **Borough and municipality**

The sale and use of fireworks is prohibited until further notice in the following areas:

- Fairbanks North Star Borough
- Municipality of Anchorage
- <u>Matanuska-Susitna Borough</u>– Pursuant to MSB 8.35, Fireworks are prohibited in all areas of the Mat-Su Borough, *outside* of the city of Houston.

Updates regarding sale and use of and fireworks suspensions status will be posted on the <u>Alaska State</u> <u>Troopers Daily Dispatches</u> under the heading "AK Div of Fire and Life Safety."

# State Park Closures

There are impacts to some campgrounds and state parks in the Northern Region. Check the <u>Alaska State</u> <u>Parks conditions page</u> for details and <u>Park Open Status</u> before heading out.

# Questions regarding this emergency restriction should be directed to:

- Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation: (907) 269-8700
- BLM Alaska Glennallen Field Office: (907) 822-3217
- BLM Alaska Fairbanks District Office: (907) 474-2231
- Kenai Fjords National Park: (907) 422-0500
- Kenai National Wildlife Refuge: (907) 262-7021
- Kenai Area State Parks: (907) 262-5581
- Chugach National Forest: (907) 743-9500

# More information

- BLM Alaska fire restrictions: www.blm.gov/afs/fire-restrictions
- State of Alaska DNR: dnr.alaska.gov/burn
- Alaska State Parks: <a href="mailto:dnr.alaska.gov/parks">dnr.alaska.gov/parks</a>
- Chugach National Forest: <u>www.fs.usda.gov/r10/chugach</u>
- Alaskan National Parks: <u>www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm</u>
- Updated wildfire information: <u>akfireinfo.com/</u>
- Fire restrictions across federal agencies: <u>dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/alaska-fire-restrictions/federal-ak-fire-restrictions/</u>