



Fire Update

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Lines hold and progress continues on Lush and Elephant fires

Fire activity on the **Lush Fire (#199)** remained low yesterday, with only minimal growth observed. Crews continued to work on fireline construction around the fire area throughout the day.

Fire personnel also welcomed a special visit from the Civil Air Patrol's 9th Composite Squadron, based out of Fairbanks. The Civil Air Patrol program transforms youth into dynamic citizens and aerospace leaders through a curriculum that focuses on leadership, aerospace, fitness and character. The squadron was given a tour of the Incident Command Post and was provided an overview of wildfire operations. They also learned how the Incident Management Team (IMT) coordinates crews, equipment and resources to manage wildfires safely and efficiently.

Today, crews will continue to focus on building containment line along the northern flank of the fire to protect nearby values at risk. Work will also continue on the southern and eastern edges of the fire, where firefighters are mopping up and reinforcing containment around structures and Alaska Native Allotments.

The **Elephant Fire (#225)** remained largely unchanged yesterday, with only minimal growth observed in the northern portion. The southern edge of the fire, adjacent to Minook Creek and north of the Eureka Ridge divide, remained secure and in monitor status.

The Cherokee Hotshots continued building familiarity with the community of Eureka and the surrounding areas. That groundwork will help guide future planning for fireline construction and structure protection.

Reconnaissance and planning work around Eureka will continue today. In addition, firefighters will continue securing and monitoring structures located on the northeastern flank of the fire. Additionally, today marks a shadow day for an incoming Incident Commander, ensuring a smooth leadership transition as operations continue.

Overall, fire managers are monitoring 41 other fires in the Tanana Zone and will staff those fires if conditions warrant.

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