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Hard work from crews continues on the Ninetyeight fire

The R10 fire crew continued working along the south and southwest edges of the Ninetyeight Fire (#218) to confine the fire north of the Salcha river. Recent precipitation over the area is keeping the fire at a creeping and smoldering pace.

Today, the crew will continue to work along the south and southwest edges to mop up and secure the hot spots along the fireline. Sprinklers continue to be used around areas that showed the most heat. Type 6 engine personnel will patrol and monitor the north end and continue monitoring east side to maintain situational awareness.

Public Safety Alerts:

• Salcha River Boaters: Please use extreme caution between Mile 30 and Mile 42 due to high levels of fire-related boat traffic.

The Middle and Lower Salcha River evacuation levels remain at **Level 2 (SET)**, which means be ready to leave at a moment's notice. The Upper Salcha River remains at **Level 1 (READY)**. Level 1 means be ready for potential evacuation. The evacuation map and other information can be found on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Emergency Operations website at <u>Fairbanks North Star Borough</u>. Text WILDFIRES to 67283 to receive text notifications.

Additional information on wildfires across Alaska, including the Ninetyeight Fire, can be found at: Alaska Wildland Fire Information akfireinfo.com or by calling: (907) 356-5511 and on Facebook (@BLMAFS).

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