



Fire Update

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Hotspots still producing smoke on Ninetyeight Fire

There are still some areas of smoke that continue to pop up inside the perimeter of the Ninetyeight Fire (#218). Yesterday, the USFS R10 fire crew extended the sprinkler system along the south and southwest perimeter of the fire. Firefighters dropped snags along the fireline to remove hazard trees and monitored the fire area for potential threats as warmer and dryer weather moved in before the next chance of rain over the weekend.

Today, the crew will continue working along the south and southwest edges to mop up areas 50 ft. inside the fireline. Type 6 engine personnel will continue patrolling and monitoring the north end and east sides to maintain a visual on any additional smokes. Fire personnel will begin the process of backhaul fire equipment from the fireline.

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 [Fairbanks North Star Borough](http://FairbanksNorthStarBorough.org). 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](https://www.facebook.com/BLMAFS) (@BLMAFS).

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