



Fire Update

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Additional help arrives on the Ninetyeight Fire

The Tatanka Hotshot crew arrived yesterday and will join forces with the USFS R10 crew. They will continue mop-up and hazard tree removal along the south and southwest perimeter of the Ninetyeight Fire (#218). The sprinkler system along the south and southwest perimeter of the fire was extended to cover the areas that were worked yesterday. Completion has been increased to 54% despite fire weather in the area slowly drying out since receiving the last trace of rain.

Today, the crews will work together to lengthen the fireline in preparation for anticipated incoming weekend weather. Engine personnel will continue patrolling and monitoring the north end and east sides to maintain a visual on any additional smokes. Additional fire personnel will begin the process of backhauling excess 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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