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Minimal fire activity on the Ninetyeight Fire

The Ninetyeight Fire (#218) exhibited minimal fire activity yesterday. Crews finished the sprinkler system along the south and southwest perimeter and continued mopping up through the heaviest area of downed debris and timber. Completion remains at 54% and acreage at 15,691.

Today, the crews will work together moving from east to west to reinforce the fireline and mop up any remaining hotspots. 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 <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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