



Fire Update

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Crews advancing fireline on the Ninetyeight Fire

Today will be the last written update for the Ninetyeight Fire (#218) which remained in a creeping and smoldering pattern with some single tree torching. Yesterday crews continued progression of the fireline along the south and southwest corner. Completion of objectives (keep fire north of Salcha river) remains at 54% and acreage at 15,677.

Today, crews will continue mopping up along the fireline and attacking any hotspots that have been identified from recent IR flights. 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.gov). 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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