



Bear Creek and Saint George Creek Fires

Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

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<https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/akfas-2025-bear-creek-fire-group>

Alaska Wildland Fire Information (<https://akfireinfo.com>)

Alaska Forestry Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AK.Forestry>

July 20, 2025

Incident Commander: Torrey Short

Location: Bear Creek Fire: 14 miles NW of Healy, Alaska, Saint George Creek Fire: 30 miles E of Anderson, Alaska **Start Date:** 06/19/2025, **Total Personnel:** 39 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** Bear Creek Fire: 30,988 acres; Saint George Creek Fire: 42,214 **Completion/Containment:** Bear Creek Fire: 37% Saint George Creek Fire: 0%

Key Message: The Alaska Division of Forestry Type 3 Short Team assumed command of both fires on the morning of July 19. As of 8:00 a.m. today, the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) has been lifted. Evacuation levels for the Bear Creek and Saint George Creek fires have been lowered. See below for further details.

Bear Creek Fire: Although fire activity remains minimal, firefighters will continue patrolling the area to monitor conditions and support community safety. Crews are now focused on remediation and repair work.

Saint George Creek Fire: Firefighting crews demobilized from the area yesterday. Helicopter monitoring will continue as needed, along the fire's perimeter. The public may still observe intermittent smoke from unburned vegetation in the fire's interior.

WEATHER AND FIRE BEHAVIOR

Wetting rain is expected by Sunday, inhibiting active fire behavior. Alaska remains in its fire season and the public may see intermittent smoke in the burn areas until a season-ending rain event occurs.

EVACUATION AND ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

On July 18, the evacuation status for Bear Creek Fire was removed entirely. The Saint George Creek Fire evacuation status has been downgraded from GO to READY. READY means residents should remain alert and prepared to evacuate if needed. For updates, visit (<https://www.denaliborough.org>) the Denali Borough Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/denali.borough>). Call or text: Denali Borough Fire Info at 907-378-7985 line between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The State of Alaska is offering Individual and Family Grants (IFG) and Temporary Housing Grants (THG) through the Alaska Individual Assistance Program for those impacted by the fires. Apply between June 27–August 27, 2025. Visit: <https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA> Call: 844-445-7131.

Debris Removal: Dumpster Locations as of July 18:

- 1) The Kennedy Drive parking area, near the trailhead.
- 2) The Hoover Road at the Y intersection.
- 3) The intersection of Eisenhower Road and Hoover Road.
- 4) The Bear Creek pullout on the east side of the highway.