



Nenana Ridge Complex Update

July 30, 2025

Bonanza Creek Fire (#238): 12,586 acres, 22% containment

Goldstream Creek Fire (#270): 20,483 acres, 42% containment

Personnel: 232

Forest roads in the Nenana Ridge Complex have restricted access. Only fire personnel will be allowed access to these areas due to ongoing fire activities. The following roads and any connecting roads fall under this road restriction; Nenana Ridge Road, Bonanza Creek Road, Maisch Logging Road and the Skinny Dick's logging roads.

Evacuation Information: All evacuation levels were downgraded Monday, July 28th by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the Nenana Ridge Complex.

● Level 1 'READY':

- Inside the borough: Zones include Standard Cache, Skinny Dick's Logging Road, Parks Highway MP 325- MP 338, Bonanza Creek Forestry Area and Nenana Ridge Forestry Road.
- Outside the Borough:
 - From the borough's western edge, 4.5 miles west; from Sled Road north for 7 miles from the Alaska Railroad. This includes Standard Creek Road and nearby timber harvest access areas. The areas west of the highway corridor from MP 317 to the borough boundary.
 - The areas east of the highway corridor from MP 311 to the borough boundary and to the Tanana River east of the Maich Logging Rd.

Fire Weather: Wednesday will be mostly cloudy with numerous rain showers in the morning and scattered rain showers in the afternoon. The maximum temperature will be 62 degrees. Minimum humidity will be 64%. Winds will be southwest at 5 mph in the valleys and west-southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Fire Update: On Tuesday, the Nenana Ridge Complex saw another day of cool and rainy conditions. The complex received between .14 and .36 inches of rain in different areas of the fire. Overhead personnel spent the day surveying roads and fire lines throughout the complex, assessing which areas will need repair work and what kind of work will need to be done in these areas. Fire personnel also took time to identify excess equipment and performed backhaul operations. Another day of showers is expected on Wednesday.

Heavy equipment, hazard trees, ash pits, and highway traffic remain potential hazards. As hunting season approaches, hunters and recreators are asked to stay out of the fire areas due to ongoing safety concerns. Crews are still actively engaged in firefighting operations.

No Drone Zone: Flying drones near wildfires is illegal and extremely dangerous, often leading to the grounding of firefighting aircraft and potentially causing harm to firefighters and property. A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is in place over the Nenana Ridge Complex. For more information go to <https://tfr.faa.gov>

Road Safety: As you drive the Parks Highway, you may not see much firefighting activity, but crews are working deeper in the fire area and are still accessing these areas via the highway. Please use extra caution and watch for firefighters and equipment, especially from MP 318 to 340. Pilot car operations are taking place through an active construction zone unrelated to fire activities. For more information about this construction project go to: <https://dot.alaska.gov/nreg/parks319to325/>. For real-time road updates, visit 511.alaska.gov.

More Information: For official updates, visit Alaska Wildland Fire Information at akfireinfo.com or follow facebook.com/AK.Forestry.

For the interactive Alaska Wildland Fire Information Map Series go here: <https://arcg.is/1a0yT03> For video briefings and more fire-related content from the Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, visit our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@AlaskaDNRDOF>

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