



Nenana Ridge Fire Complex



July 5, 2025

Bonanza Creek Fire (#238): 6447 acres

Goldstream Creek Fire (#270): 9,586 acres

Personnel: 186

A continuing **Red Flag Warning** over the fire area Friday caused periods of intense fire behavior. However, a persistent inversion had a moderating effect during the afternoon and into the evening by depriving the fire of fresh air and keeping temperatures cooler near the ground. Although there are no Red Flag Warnings for the Nenana Ridge on Saturday, hot and dry weather is forecast to continue through the weekend and Red Flag Warnings persist for the majority of the Alaska Interior.

Evacuation levels remain in effect. For evacuation and sheltering assistance, call 907-459-1308.

Level 3 "GO!" – Parks Highway MP 316-MP 333 is now in GO! Status – all residences within a one-mile minimum radius of the highway. Dineege Ave between Milepost 320 and 321 remains in GO.

Level 2 "SET" – Parks Highway MP 313-MP 316 has moved from READY to SET – all residences within one-mile minimum radius of the highway.

Level 1 "READY" for MP 309-313

The Nenana Native Association has invited community members displaced by the Nenana Ridge Fire to use the Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall as a temporary shelter. The hall is open and everyone is welcome.

A temporary shelter has also been organized with the Red Cross at the Nenana Student Living Center located at the end of 6th street. You will be required to give your name, number of people in your family/group, contact number, immediate needs, and additional information if required. You will be provided with a place to stay that will have a bed or cot, blanket, bathroom, shower, and communal place to cook. There will be Red Cross Volunteers at the shelter 24 hours a day to provide information and assist you.

Bonanza Creek Fire (#238) Mad River Hotshots from Northern California and the BLM Alaska Fire Service Midnight Sun Hotshots arrived on the Nenana Ridge Complex Friday and were immediately integrated into operations. Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Pioneer Peak Hotshots successfully completed a firing operation to protect the communications tower and nearby structures threatened north of the Parks Highway near mile marker 325.5. Dozers are building line around the east/northeast side of the Bonanza Fire. Crews also performed fuel mitigation and structure protection along the Tanana River.

Goldstream Creek Fire (#270) The primary objective Friday was for crews to complete structure assessments along the Parks Highway corridor to the west of the existing fire footprint, to build structure protection plans for the area. Crews and equipment almost completed line around the spot fire that crossed the Parks Highway yesterday and anticipate finishing that work today. In addition, contingency lines along the southwest of the fire were completed, and dozer lines were established and strengthened along the east and southeast side of the fire. Unmanned Aerial Systems (aka drones) equipped with infrared cameras were used to conduct reconnaissance in hard to access areas of the fire.

Extreme caution is requested on the Parks Highway for firefighter and public safety. Traffic is moving intermittently with pilot vehicles between Mile Posts 308 and 341. Drivers can expect long delays. Travel through the area should avoid the area unless absolutely necessary.

Fire personnel are working hard at all hours of the day to protect homes and limit fire spread. Please do your part to ensure they can go back to their families when the job is done. Drive slowly and pay attention for firefighter safety and yours. Check road conditions on the Alaska Department of Transportation website (<https://511.alaska.gov>).

More information: Follow Alaska Wildland Fire Information (<https://akfireinfo.com>) and updates on social media (<https://www.facebook.com/AK.Forestry>).