

Nenana Ridge Fire Complex

July 6, 2025



Bonanza Creek Fire (#238): 8,994 acres

Goldstream Creek Fire (#270): 14,186 acres

Personnel: 217

Fire Weather Hot, dry, windy conditions persisted through the day Saturday, resulting in extreme wildfire behavior throughout the day. Sunday's weather is forecasted to have lower temperatures and higher humidity with a slight haze, with a potential for precipitation on Sunday night.

Evacuation levels updated on Friday, July 5 by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Level 3 "GO!" – Parks Highway **MP 312-MP 333 is now in GO! Status** – all residences within a one-mile minimum radius of the highway.

Level 2 "SET" – Parks Highway MP 309-MP 312 has moved from READY to SET – all residences within one-mile minimum radius of the highway.

Level 1 "READY" - Parks Highway MP 305-309 and along Sled Road from the boundary of Fairbanks North Star Borough, extending 4.5 miles, and 7 miles north of the Alaska Railroad, encompassing Standard creek Road to include the timber harvest access areas.

Evacuation shelters have been set up by the Alaska Red Cross at the Hutchison High School in Fairbanks, and at the Nenana Student Living Center. They provide a bed or cot, blanket, bathroom, shower, and communal place to cook. For evacuation and sheltering assistance, call 907-888-5036.

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.

An emergency animal shelter for evacuees is staffed by FNSB Animal Control at 3175 Peger Road. Please call ahead to let staff know your needs.

A clean air room is being set up at Noel Wien Library for those affected by smoke. It will be open during regular library hours.

Bonanza Creek Fire (#238) Unfavorable weather conditions contributed to significant westward fire growth on the south side of the Parks Highway. Crews and air resources, including scoopers and a Chinook helicopter equipped with a 2600 gallon bucket, worked to suppress spot fires for much of the day. The Midnight Sun Hotshots were challenged by fire jumping the dozer lines at the fingers to the east. They worked to tie in and strengthen lines along the northeast side of the fire. Pioneer Peak Hotshots successfully tied the northwest edge of the fire to the road to prevent intense runs at the Parks Highway.

Goldstream Creek Fire (#270) The fire made a 2-mile run to the southwest on Saturday, resulting in elevated evacuation orders for those in the area of Little Goldstream Creek. Two hotshot crews, one type 2 IA crew, and 3 dozers worked to build and strengthen dozer line. They set up portable water tanks, hoses, and sprinkler systems to protect those homes.

Road Impacts Expect significant delays on the Parks Highway. Fire operations will impact traffic flow along the roadway. Please drive with extreme caution, watch for pilot cars, and be ready for long waits.

Fire personnel are working hard at all hours of the day to protect homes and limit fire spread. 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). **Public Information Line**: 907-331-0454