



Fire Update

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Recent precipitation results in minimal fire behavior on Lush and Elephant Fires

The **Lush Fire (#199)** is 26,544 acres, a slight reduction in sized due to more accurate mapping.

The fire is located in the north side of the Yukon River, across from Rampart. Yesterday, the fire received intermittent patchy rain in the morning, before switching into a light and steady rain all afternoon. There was no notable fire activity yesterday. Today's weather is anticipated to be another cool, wet day with scattered showers in the morning. Winds will remain light and out of the southwest until shifting to the northeast in the afternoon.

Yesterday, firefighters worked on a chainsaw line that will be tied in to natural barriers to limit the fire's growth towards a cluster of Alaska Native Allotments. This work will continue over the next couple of shifts. On the south and east flanks of the fire, crews will continue to identify opportunities for direct line construction to protect values at risk.

The **Elephant Fire (#225)** is located approximately 5 miles north of the Eureka Highway and the total acreage remains at 8,941 acres. Recent precipitation has greatly moderated fire behavior to minimal activity with limited smoldering. Consistent rain occurred over the fire area yesterday and will continue this morning before mostly ending this afternoon. Thursday's weather will be drier and warmer overall, but there will remain a chance for showers.

Firefighters are continuing to develop a comprehensive structure protection plan for the community of Eureka and the Minook Creek drainage. They will continue to grid and check for any areas of remaining heat to mitigate future risk.

A Level 1 "Ready" evacuation notice remains in effect for Eureka and the surrounding area. Residents should stay alert and prepared in case conditions change.

Overall, fire managers are monitoring 45 other fires in the zone and will staff those fires if conditions warrant.

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