

Nenana Ridge Complex Update Aug. 6, 2025

Bonanza Creek Fire (#238): 12,572 acres, 22% containment

Goldstream Creek Fire (#270): 20,471 acres, 47% containment

Personnel: 61

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. Members of the public are asked to stay out of the fire areas due to ongoing safety concerns.

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 to Level 1 READY. For an interactive evacuation map follow the links for 2025 Wildfire Evacuation Info on the Fairbanks North Star Borough home page, https://www.fnsb.gov/

Fire Weather: Wednesday and Thursday will be the warmest and driest days for the foreseeable future. Temperatures will be in the 70s with partly cloudy skies and little to no chance of rain. Winds will be light and variable Wednesday becoming southerly Thursday with gusts up to 18 mph.

Fire Update: Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Fairbanks 1 Crew arrived back on Bonanza Creek Fire Tuesday after taking days off. They gridded for hot spots on the fire's edge along Nenana Ridge Road West. Wednesday they will grid the north perimeter working west from Nenana Ridge Road. The incoming Incident Commander and a member of operations took a reconnaissance flight Tuesday morning to survey the fire area and get a scope of the remaining repair work. Graders and compactors are working together on forest roads while excavators continue to scatter vegetative material over control lines and breakup dozer berms. There will continue to be occasional smoke visible from interior areas of the fires as heavy, down trees continue to smolder with warmer and dryer conditions.

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

Parks Highway: 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.

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