



Mukluk Fire

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Daily Update – Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026



Acres: 7,320

Start Date: Aug. 17, 2026

Containment: 29%

Fuels: Black Spruce, Shrubs, Grass

Location: Tok, AK

Personnel: 335

Highlights: Around 250 firefighters, supported by numerous engines and heavy equipment, are working throughout the neighborhoods impacted by the Mukluk Fire. This surge of personnel and machinery reflects strong momentum and a focused plan to make the area safe for residents before they return. Crews are conducting aggressive mop-up operations, aided by the .15 inches of rain the area has received since Tuesday afternoon and cooler, wetter weather in the forecast. With so many resources in the neighborhood, residents are asked to steer clear so firefighters can work safely and efficiently as they prepare the area for eventual reentry and damage assessment.

Operations: Firefighters from Yukon, Canada demobilized Tuesday after providing vital support during the early and intense days of the Mukluk Fire. The U.S. Forest Service Smokejumpers from Missoula demobilized Monday after delivering critical assistance during the initial attack and patrolling the fire's western perimeter.

The remaining firefighters are focused on removing hazards and stabilizing the burned neighborhood. Firefighters putting out lingering heat around homes, driveways, and roads are also cutting unstable trees, sorting usable wood, and gathering woody debris for safe disposal. Excavators are supporting ongoing repair and recovery work.

The Alaska Team has established a dedicated utilities group that is coordinating directly with Alaska Power & Telephone to support safe and efficient infrastructure repairs.

A small contingent of engines continues to patrol the eastern and western edges, while Uncrewed Aerial Systems equipped with infrared cameras search for any remaining heat in these areas.

Weather & Fire Behavior: Tuesday's breezy conditions brought down a few trees before winds settled when rain arrived in the afternoon. As the cold front moves out on Wednesday, another period of gusty west to northwest winds is expected. With shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures setting in, fire activity should remain low, limited to smoldering and creeping with the possibility of an occasional isolated torching tree.

Mukluk Fire Information:

- Information Line: (907) 505-0362 - Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
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