



Mukluk Fire

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Daily Update – Saturday, August 22, 2026



Acres: 7,287

Start Date: Aug. 17, 2026

Containment: 22%

Fuels: Black Spruce, Shrubs, Grass

Location: Tok, AK

Personnel: 246

Highlights: Firefighters, including crews from across Alaska and Yukon, Canada, took advantage of a second day of cooler, wetter weather to increase containment and continue aggressively mopping up around structures within the fire's perimeter. Please stay out of GO! evacuation areas to give emergency responders the space they need to address the numerous hazards that remain, including hot spots, fire-weakened trees, and damaged power infrastructure. Although recent rainfall has moderated fire activity, duff layers remain dry and continue to retain heat, making them susceptible to flare-ups as the sun comes out and temperatures rise throughout the day. **There will be a community meeting at 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 at the Tok School.**

Operations: Along the southern edge, firefighters from departments across Alaska, as far south as Girdwood, the nine-person Chevak Crew from Southwest Alaska, two 10-to-11-person CATG modules from Northeast Alaska, firefighters from Canada, and the Tanana Chiefs Type 2 Initial Attack Crew from Tok are concentrating their efforts on protecting surviving structures. Crews are extinguishing remaining hot spots, removing hazardous trees, setting up sprinkler systems, and clearing brush around structures to reduce the likelihood of any further losses.

Meanwhile, firefighters are strengthening an almost 5-mile dozer line along the western edge up to a riparian area. On the eastern side, the Type 2 Nulato Hills Contract Crew, with firefighters from Selawik and Nulato, is working behind heavy equipment to secure direct line through heavier fuels. More crews will join others on the fireline in the next couple of days.

Smokejumpers contained two spot fires on an island and one other across the Tanana River. Engines will continue patrolling the evacuated area through the night to provide ongoing structure protection.

Weather & Fire Behavior: Weather will remain similar to Friday, with temperatures a bit warmer under increased sunshine and humidity expected to dip below 30%. Winds are forecast at 8 to 10 mph, with gusts up to 15 mph. As the sun comes out and temperatures rise later in the day, smoke may become more noticeable during periods of increased surface heating and fire activity.

Mukluk Fire Information:

- Information Line: (907) 505-0362 - Hours: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Email: 2026.Mukluk@firenet.gov
- For more information: <https://linktr.ee/2026MuklukFire>



Evacuations:

Level 3 GO! (Red)

- **Midnight Sun Zone** is for the area on the north side of the Alaska Highway from Sun Dog Trail on the west to 5th Street East on the east to north of Red Fox Drive.

Level 2 SET (Yellow)

- **Sun Dog Zone** is for the area on the north side of the Alaska Highway from Makenzie Trail on the west to Sun Dog Trail on the east to Red Fox Drive on the north. The homes west of Sun Dog Trail and north of Red Fox Drive are also included in this zone.
- **Willow West Zone** is the area north of West Willow Way, from Sun Dog Trail on the west to West C Street on the east, and south of the Alaska Highway.
- **Tok City Zone** is the area north of West Willow Way, from West C Street and Moose Horn Road on the west to East D Street on the east, and south of 3rd Avenue.

Level 1 READY (Green)

- **Makenzie Zone** is for the area west of Makenzie Trail, north of Borealis Avenue, south of Red Fox Drive.
- **Scoby Zone** is for the area south of the Alaska Highway, east of Makenzie Trail, west of Scoby Way, and north of Borealis Avenue.
- **Borealis Zone** is for the area south of Willow Avenue West, east of D Street East, west of Scoby Way, and north of Borealis Avenue.
- **Airport Zone** is the area north and south of the Alaska Highway, east of D Street East and west of the Musher's Hall.