



Alaska National Parks Wildland Fire Information

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve July 9, 2012 @ 7:00 pm

Alaska's wildfire hot spot is the Northwest. Currently 17 wildfires are active throughout the area; an area prone to thunderstorms, lightning, and wildfire this time of year. Six wildfires are burning in Noatak NP <http://www.nps.gov/noat/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>, one is in Kobuk Valley NP <http://www.nps.gov/kova/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm> and a new fire ignited in Gates of the Arctic NP.

Kokumpat Fire – ref#342

- Located in “the boot” of Gates of the Arctic, 109 miles southwest of Bettles, 35 miles southeast of Kobuk
- 5 acres
- Lightning-ignited on July 8
- At the time of discovery, the fire was 10% active, creeping and smoldering in black spruce and light rain was falling.
- Alaska Fire Service will monitor the fire by mapping it from the air and documenting fire behavior.

Visit <http://www.nps.gov/applications/fire/wildland-fire/fires.cfm?postid=4732> for current fire information. More detailed information will be posted soon at <http://www.nps.gov/gaar/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>.

The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center reports 302 fires have burned 189,712 acres across Alaska to date. Visit <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/> for statewide information.

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