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## Alaska National Parks Wildland Fire Information

### Kobuk Valley National Park June 10, 2012 @ 3:00 pm

Due to the Nekakte fire's sudden and rapid southerly spread, on the evening of June 8, eight BLM Alaska Fire Service smokejumpers took direct action on the southern side of the fire. Committed to doing the right thing, Kobuk Valley National Park and the Alaska Fire Service Galena Zone who provides suppression services to the National Park Service, ordered the smokejumpers to stop the fire from spreading toward a sensitive resource five miles away. The jumpers successfully beat the fire down along the southern perimeter. On June 9 the smokejumpers fought fire with fire. They conducted a burnout on the fire's southwest side in order to reduce burnable vegetation and further ensure the fire could not move south. On June 10 at 8:15 am, the smokejumper in charge reported the south, and southern end of the east and west sides were contained. The fire will be allowed to burn to the north where there are no sensitive resources.

#### Nekakte – ref#184

- Located north of the Kobuk River near Nekakte Creek, 26 miles northwest of Ambler, 56 miles northeast of Kiana
- Lightning-caused
- 6,687.5 acres as of 6/9/12 @ 3 pm
- Smoldering

#### Kitlik – ref#171

- Located 78 miles east of Noatak, 62 miles northwest of Ambler and surrounded by snow
- Lightning-caused
- 51 acres
- No fire activity was observed on 6/7/12
- Alaska Fire Service will monitor the fire by mapping it from the air and documenting fire behavior observations

For the most up to date fire information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/kova/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm>. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/noat/parkmgmt/currentfireinfo.htm> for current information on the Noatak Grand Canyon Fire in Noatak National Preserve.

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