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Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve News Release

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Rain over the Steamboat Creek Fire Helped with Fire Activity

Copper Center, AK: Steamboat Creek Fire received some precipitation yesterday which reduced fire activity but a slight change in size at **19,328 acres**. As the weather front moved in, winds shifted and smoke was impacting areas in the nearby region. Fire personnel flew the fire and observed moderate fire activity with some creeping and smoldering. Fire managers plan to keep the fire south and west of the Chitina River and are mobilizing vehicles and staff towards McCarthy to work on structure protection near the fire. The Sunshine Lake Cabin and the Monham Cabin will have sprinkler systems set up in preparation for any increase in fire activity. In total, 5 Cabins will be set up with sprinklers as a preventative measure. Fire personnel will be setting up a staging area with supplies, planning operations, and public information at the McCarty airport, and there are no changes to the Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) at this time.

Although the fire has received some precipitation, it's important to note that this region has been experiencing an extreme drought and it will require significant moisture over a prolonged time to extinguish the fire. Areas around McCarthy-Kennecott have received more rainfall than the fire area. Expect that fire behavior may increase and smoke may be impacting the local region as the weather is forecasted to warm and dry out by early next week. Use caution driving in smoke or haze and slow down. In reduced visibility, stay alert for on-coming vehicles or wildlife along the McCarthy Road, as there are many blind curves and narrow roadways. The State burn suspension has been lifted, but please stay diligent with any fire activities to help prevent wildfires.

Also, more accurate mapping will occur today to get a better sense of how large the fire has become and to help with planning purposes. Aviation resources will be available to monitor the fire. Even with rain, fire managers continue to ask residents and park visitors to be mindful of any activities that have the potential to cause a wildfire. More information can be found on Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4867/>

Other fires burning in or near Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve are described below.

Yokneda Lake Fire (2,500 acres) – It rained throughout the day in the Chistochina area and the fire was able to benefit from the rain. Limited activity occurred and fire managers will continue to monitor the fire by aircraft.

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Cutoff Fire (57 acres) – All crews have been demobilized off the fire and it is placed in monitor status. *No further report.*

Copper River Fire (0.2 acres) – The fire has been called contained and controlled with fire resources continuing to monitor for any fire activity. *No further report.*

Klawasi Fire (0.2 acres) – Continues to be monitored with no smoke being observed. *No further report.*

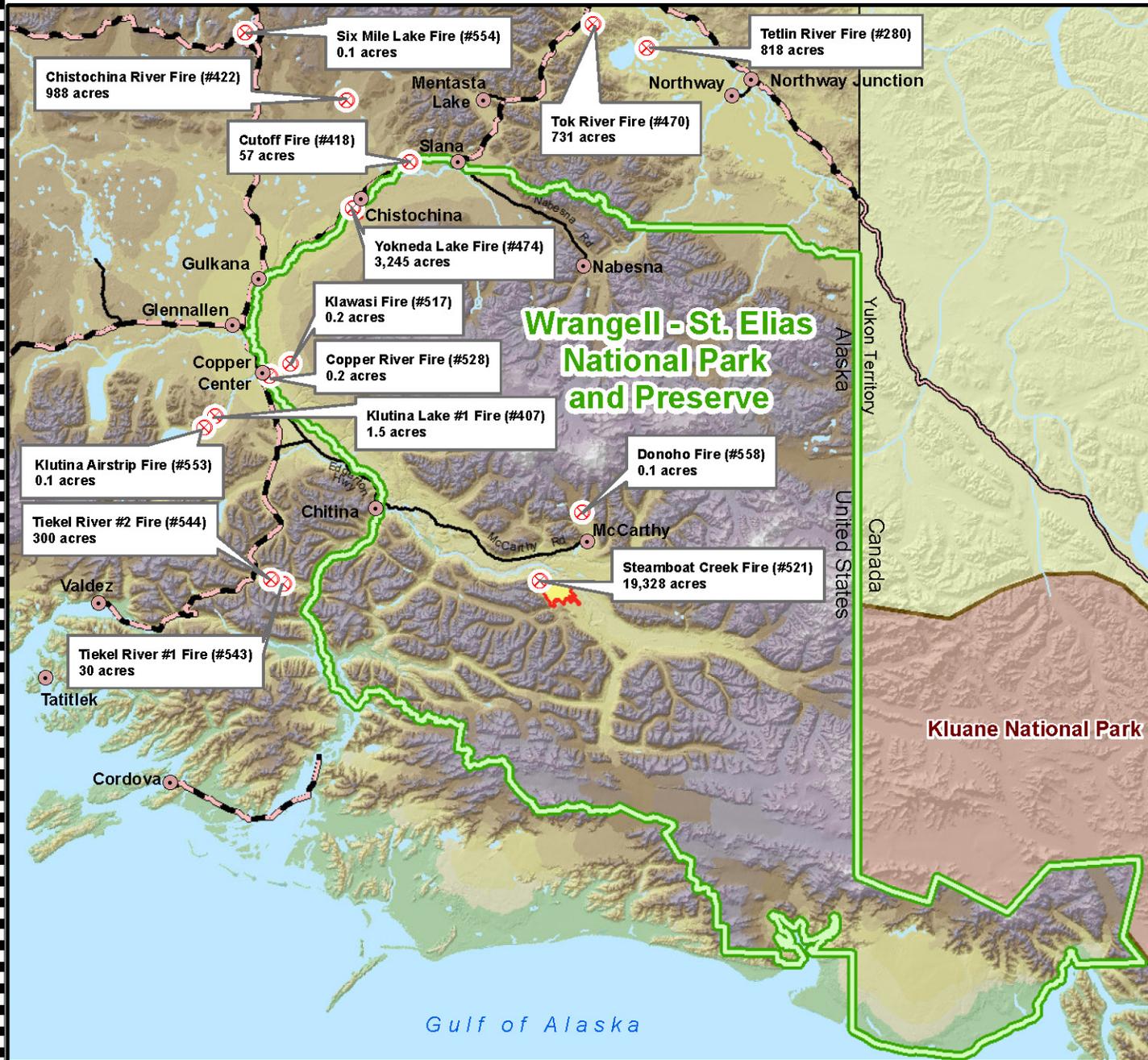
Danoho Fire (0.1 acres) – A lightning-caused fire between the Kennecott and Root Glaciers was found by hikers on July 20th; fire resources flew the fire and placed it in monitor status. *No further report.*

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Wildland Fires in and around Wrangell - St. Elias National Park & Preserve

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Legend

- Fire Origin
- Fire Perimeter
- Town / Village
- Primary Road
- Secondary Road
- Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Boundary

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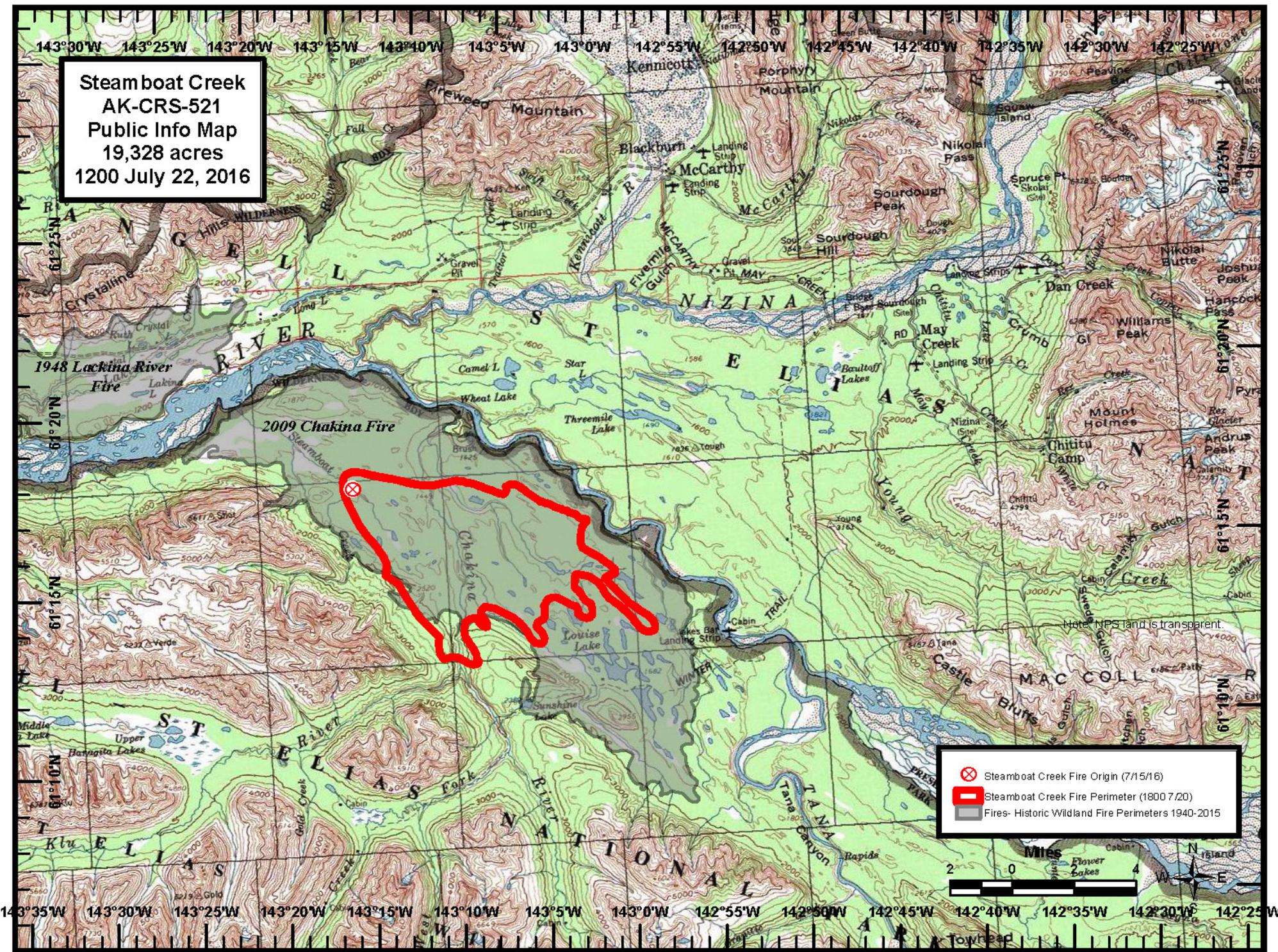
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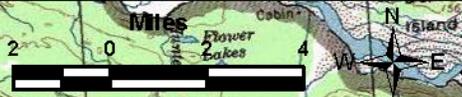
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Gulf of Alaska

Steamboat Creek
AK-CRS-521
Public Info Map
19,328 acres
1200 July 22, 2016



-  Steamboat Creek Fire Origin (7/15/16)
-  Steamboat Creek Fire Perimeter (1800 7/20)
-  Fires- Historic Wildland Fire Perimeters 1940-2015



**Yokned Lake
AK-CRS-474
Public Info Map
3,245 acres
1300 July 22, 2016**

**474 - Yokned Lake Fire
Start Date: 7/14/2016**

-  Yokned Lake Fire Origin (7/14/16)
-  Yokned Lake Fire Perimeter (1700 7/20)
-  Wrangell-St. Elias NP and Pres Bndry

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July 22, 2016
1300 Hours

