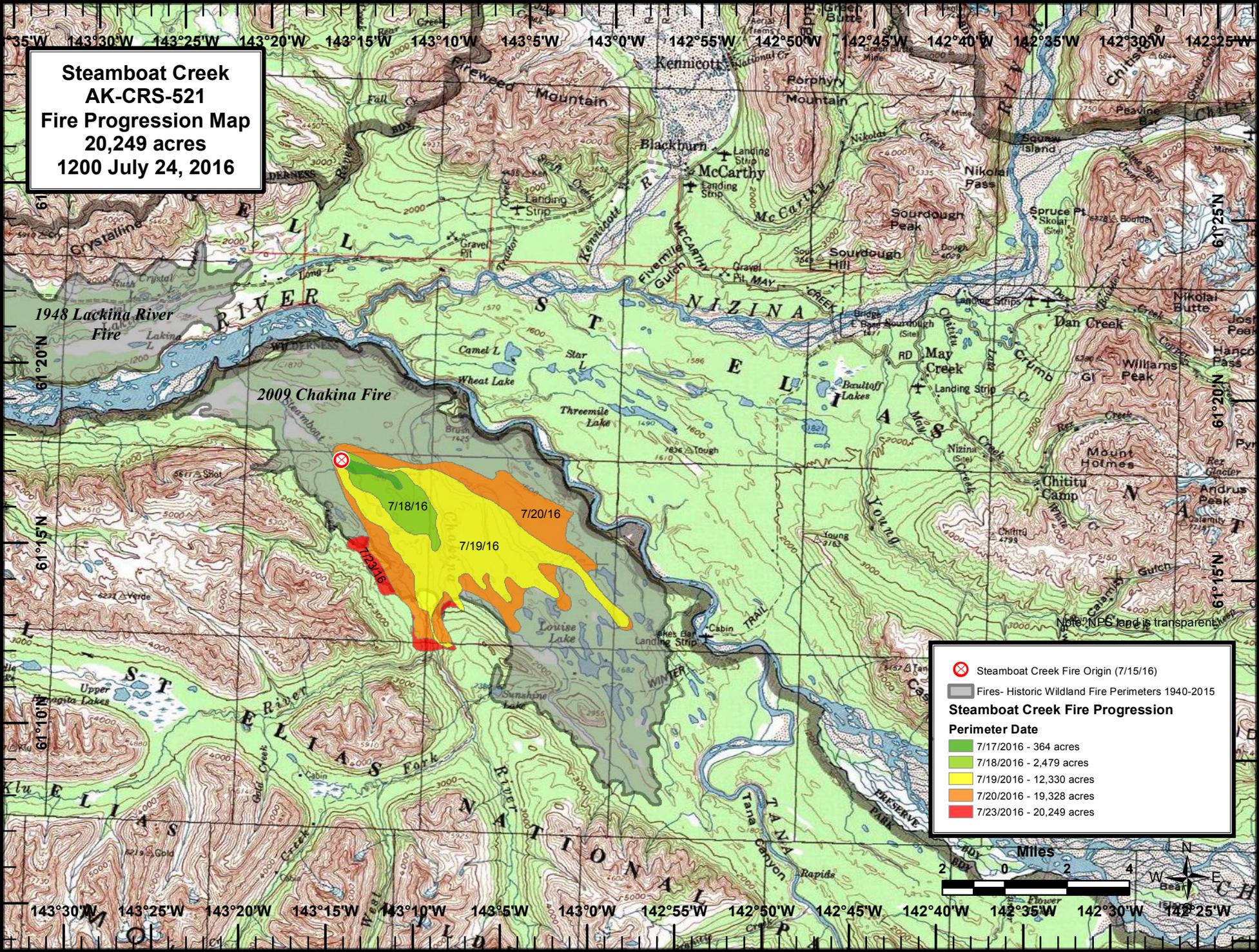


**Steamboat Creek  
AK-CRS-521  
Fire Progression Map  
20,249 acres  
1200 July 24, 2016**



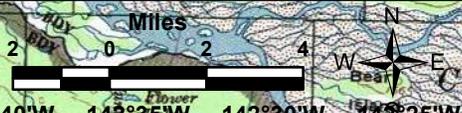
⊗ Steamboat Creek Fire Origin (7/15/16)

▭ Fires- Historic Wildland Fire Perimeters 1940-2015

**Steamboat Creek Fire Progression**

**Perimeter Date**

- 7/17/2016 - 364 acres
- 7/18/2016 - 2,479 acres
- 7/19/2016 - 12,330 acres
- 7/20/2016 - 19,328 acres
- 7/23/2016 - 20,249 acres



Note: NPS land is transparent



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## Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve News Release

For Immediate Release – July 24, 2016  
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### Low Fire Activity and Rain Continues

**Copper Center, AK:** Yesterday, the visibility improved over the fire which allowed fire personnel to gain a more accurate sense of the size; the fire is estimated at 20, 249 acres. There was very little activity observed yesterday with some smoldering across the fire and smoke visible on the west and southwest areas. There is no change in the forecast for the next few days and rain is still expected. The fire area has received a total of 0.83” of rain since July 21<sup>st</sup> and 0.5” in the last 24 hours. This amount of rain is helping limit fire activity and any substantial fire growth. Fire personnel are still in place at the Tony Zak community building in McCarthy and continue to have plans in place for protecting structures if necessary. Firefighters and a medium sized helicopter remain ready and available to monitor the fire. For further information and photos, visit Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4867/>.

On the northwest side of Wrangell-St. Elias, the Yokneda Lake Fire is still estimated at 3,245 acres and another day of widespread rain over the fire area helped with limiting fire activity. No visible smoke columns were observed from surrounding communities or roadways.

The management of these fires would not be possible without the cooperative work of personnel from several agencies including the Alaska State Division of Forestry, National Park Service, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service, and local Emergency Firefighters. The group has been working together to reach applicable objectives for the management of these fires. Also, personnel work with communities, local, state, federal and native organizations to keep Alaskans and visitors safe and landscapes healthy.

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**STEAMBOAT CREEK FIRE** – The burnt area is visible on the left side and a little bit of smoke is visible on the right side. Photos take near the west side of the fire near the Chakina River.



**STEAMBOAT CREEK FIRE** – The Bell 212HP medium helicopter based out of Delta Junction (owned and operated by Rogers Helicopters) is standing-by at the McCarthy Airport for monitoring and responding to the fire.