



## Alaska Interagency Incident Management Team

# NEWS RELEASE

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Fire Information: 907-714-2484  
Website: [www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency](http://www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency)  
Website: [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org)

### **Established Containment Lines Hold at Caribou Hills Fire**

(Ninilchik, Alaska) Despite warmer temperatures and drier air, the 55,222 acre Caribou Hills fire did not cross any of the established containment lines today. The fire is 66% contained. Firefighters used hand tools and dozers to complete additional line around the edge of the fire and were able to finish a critical piece of line south of Deep Creek on the western edge of the fire. The steep terrain and snags make this a particularly difficult area in which to work for fire crews. Completed containment lines reduce fire officials concern that the fire will spread west.

Fire crews continued to work their way farther inside the fire's edge, locating and extinguishing hot spots 200 feet inside the fire's edge and around unburned structures. Ten firefighters have completed their work on the eastern edge of the fire near Trophy Lake where they were protecting cabins in that area. Pockets of unburned vegetation located inside the fires edge may continue to flare up tomorrow. Firefighters will monitor the flare ups and suppress any that pose a threat.

Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell was briefed today by Kenai-Kodiak Area Forester Ric Plate and Incident Commander Rob Allen on the progress and efforts of the firefighters. The briefing was followed by a flight over the area to view the work of the firefighters and to assess the property damage caused by the fire.

The road entering the fire area is expected to be open daily from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am as suppression work and fire conditions allow. The road will be closed to public access from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily to allow fire personnel to work safely in the fire area during the day. Everyone is discouraged from driving on Caribou Hills area roads during the day due to the heavy traffic and hazards including firefighting equipment and falling trees.

### **TFR LIFTED IN THE EVENING**

Beginning this evening at 10:00 pm, until 8:00 am in the morning, the temporary flight restriction over the fire area will be lifted. Pilots may fly into and land in the Caribou Hills area. The TFR will be lifted daily during those hours.

**Dave Jandt's Type 2 Interagency Incident Management Team is coordinating suppression activities. Current resources assigned include 11 Type 1 crews, 10 Type 2 crews, 4 helicopters, 9 engines, 5 dozers, and 1 water tender, with a total of 626 personnel.**