

MEMORANDUM
Department of Natural Resources

STATE OF ALASKA
Forestry / Central Office

TO: Richard Boothby
State Fire Marshall/Director

DATE: July 5, 2019

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FROM: Chris Maisch
State Forester/Director

SUBJECT: Extreme Fire Danger
Fireworks Sale and Use
Suspension Update

Here is the daily update from DOF with our recommendations for the current fireworks suspension status. Also attached is our internal worksheet for fire danger by jurisdiction with related fire activity and planning level information. There remains a shortage of wildland fire fighting resources in the state.

The areas still under suspension will include:

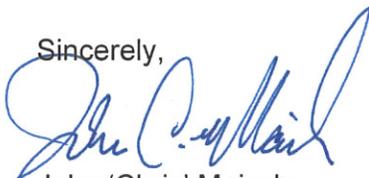
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Matanuska- Susitna Borough
Copper River Valley, including Glennallen south to Valdez
Tanana Valley north of the Alaska Range
Northern Panhandle, including Haines Borough, Municipality of Skagway and Juneau Borough
Kodiak Borough

Denali Borough (when approved and announced by SFM Office)
Recommendation to add in the 7/2-3/19 update.

Please **remove** from the suspension:
No changes.

Criteria used to determine geographical suspension areas are fire risk conditions in high, very high, and extreme conditions or that have a shortage of wildland firefighting resources. Conditions and areas under suspension will be re-evaluated daily by the Division of Forestry and recommended changes made to the State Fire Marshall's office.

Sincerely,



John 'Chris' Maisch
State Forester

Cc: DOF Internal daily update on fire risk.



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RE: Fireworks Ban

Good morning,

At the request of DOF Director Chris Maisch, the following information is being made available to you as it pertains to the daily status of the closure of the sale and discharge of fireworks in Alaska as defined under:

13 AAC 50.025. International Fire Code

5608.11.14 Suspension of sales and use. "The sale or use of fireworks may be suspended by the state fire marshal in any area where the Department of Natural Resources has declared the wildfire danger to be high/extreme or depleted resources."

7/5/19 - DOF Statewide Planning Level: 5

DOF Areas	Fire Danger Level	Planning Level	Burn Suspension?	New Fires	Change in Fireworks Suspension?
Kenai - Kodiak	Extreme	5	Yes	0	No
Mat - Su	Very High-Extreme	3	Yes	0	No
McGrath	Very High-Extreme	5	Yes	1	No
Fairbanks	High-Very High	3	Yes	0	No
Delta	Very High	4	Yes	0	No
Tok	Very High	4	Yes	0	No
Valdez/Copper River	Extreme	5	Yes	1	No
Alaska Interagency Coordination Center	_____	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska Fire Service/BLM Zones	-----	?	N/A	0	-----
Chugach National Forest	Very High	3	N/A	0	_____
Tongass National Forest	High-Very High	3	N/A	0	-----

Respectfully,

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