UPDATE: State Lifts Fireworks Suspension for Western Alaska
Suspensions in other regions remain in effect until further notice.

July 2, 2019 (ANCHORAGE) – The Alaska State Fire Marshal’s Office, in consultation with the State Forester’s Office and in accordance with Alaska Administrative Code 50.025 Fire Code, has canceled the fireworks sales and use suspension in Western Alaska, including Dillingham, Bethel, McGrath, Nome, Kotzebue and surrounding communities.

Until further notice, fireworks sales and use suspensions remain in effect in the following areas:

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

Updates regarding sale and use of and fireworks suspensions status will be posted during regular business hours in the Alaska State Troopers Daily Dispatches at https://dps.alaska.gov/DailyDispatch/ under the heading “AK Div of Fire and Life Safety."

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For more information, contact Public Information Officer Ken Marsh at ken.marsh@alaska.gov or phone (907) 269-5654.
MEMORANDUM
Department of Natural Resources

TO: Richard Boothby
State Fire Marshall/Director

DATE: July 1, 2019

PHONE NO.: 907-451-2666

SUBJECT: Extreme Fire Danger
Fireworks Sale and Use Suspension Update

FROM: Chris Maisch
State Forester/Director

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:

No changes since the previous update.

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

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.
July 1, 2019

RE: Fireworks Suspension

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."

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Respectfully,

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