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Department of Natural Resources

STATE OF ALASKA
Forestry / Central Office

TO: Richard Boothby
State Fire Marshall/Director

DATE: July 26, 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.

Based on Low to Moderate fire risk conditions due to the wetter and cooler weather in jurisdictions covered under the current suspensions, please see the recommended changes in today's update. **To allow enough time for discussion with our cooperators, please make these changes effective 7/29/19.** This will be the last daily update until such time fire risk conditions warrant resumption.

The areas still under suspension will include-none: **Change Recommended**

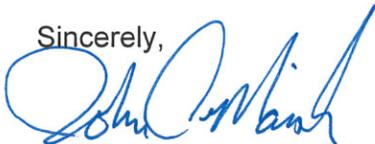
~~Fairbanks North Star Borough~~
~~Kenai Peninsula Borough~~
~~Matanuska-Susitna Borough~~
~~Tanana Valley north of the Alaska Range~~
~~Denali Borough~~

Please **remove** from the suspension:

Fairbanks North Star Borough
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Matanuska- Susitna Borough
Tanana Valley north of the Alaska Range
Denali Borough

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."

7/26/19 - DOF Statewide Planning Level: 3

DOF Areas	Fire Danger Level	Planning Level	Burn Suspension?	New Fires	Change in Fireworks Suspension?
Kenai	Low	2	No	0	Yes
Kodiak	Low	1	No	0	No
Mat - Su	Moderate	4	No	0	Yes
McGrath	Low	3	No	0	No
Fairbanks	Moderate	3	No	0	Yes
Delta	Low	3	No	0	Yes
Tok	Low	2	No	0	Yes
Valdez/Copper River	Low	3	No	0	No
Ketchikan-Northern Panhandle	Low	1	N/A	0	No
Ketchikan-Southern Panhandle	Low	1	N/A	0	No
Alaska Interagency Coordination Center	_____	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alaska Fire Service/BLM Zones	-----	3	N/A	N/A	-----
Chugach National Forest	Low	2	N/A	0	_____
Tongass National Forest	Low	1	N/A	0	-----

Respectfully,
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