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News Alert

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Chugach National Forest **VERY HIGH FIRE DANGER**

The Chugach National Forest is currently experiencing very high fire danger levels due to the high temperatures, low humidity, winds, and lack of precipitation over the last several days. During these times of very high fire danger, fires will start easily from most causes. Fires will spread rapidly and have quick increases in intensity upon ignition. Small fires can quickly become large fires and exhibit extreme fire behavior. These fire are difficult to control and will often become large, long-lasting fires.

Visitors to the Chugach National Forest are urged to take precautions to help reduce starting fires. Campfires should be within fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to fire spread. Campfire location should have a minimum area clear of all flammable material within a radius of three feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Campfires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished prior to leaving. Visitors using charcoal briquettes, should follow the same clearance guidelines listed above for campfires and ensure they are extinguished prior to leaving. Motorists should ensure trailer chains don't drag on the ground and to park in areas that do not contain vegetation. Visitors should ensure that cigarettes are completely extinguished and that no embers or ashes fall onto vegetation.

Future updates will be provided.

Information specific to the Chugach National Forest can be found:
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/chugach> The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center provides current fire information and maps: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>

To report a wildland fire in Alaska call 1-800-237-3633

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