



Advisory Announcement

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Prescribed Burns Planned for Alphabet Hills area in July 2026

(Glennallen) –The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DFFP), Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Wildland Fire Service, plan to conduct prescribed burns in the Alphabet Hills area in Game Management Unit 13, north of Lake Louise, beginning in July 2026. The project will treat approximately 54,000 acres for wildlife habitat enhancement. Smoke may be visible during and after the burn. Air quality will be monitored, and advisories will be posted at dec.alaska.gov/air/air-monitoring.

Prescribed burns will only proceed under strict burn plan criteria for temperature, wind, and humidity. A small test fire will be conducted before full ignition to confirm favorable conditions. Due to the remote location of the burn units, the burn will be initiated with aerial equipment. If suitable conditions for ignition do not occur this season, the burn will be rescheduled for summer of 2027.

The Alphabet Hills prescribed burns are intended to rejuvenate early-succession plant species that provide critical browse for moose. Conducting a prescribed fire in this area will stimulate regeneration of willow, dwarf birch, and other plants. Since natural ignitions are rare in this area, prescribed fire can provide the disturbance required to invigorate these plants.

“Prescribed burns are one of our most effective tools for improving habitat at a scale that benefits wildlife populations,” said John Wagoner, Conservation Coordinator with ADF&G. “These burns mimic the natural effects of wildfire but are conducted under controlled conditions to meet habitat objectives while ensuring public and staff safety.” For updates, monitor local announcements at facebook.com/alaskafishandgame.

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