



# Division of Forestry

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

## United States Department of the Interior KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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### Shanta Creek Fire Information Update

Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 8:00 a.m.

Fire Information: (907) 260-2338 or (907) 260-2342

Fire Information Websites: <http://kenai.fws.gov> or [www.inciweb.org/incident/1724/](http://www.inciweb.org/incident/1724/)

Fire E-mail Address: [r7shanta@fws.gov](mailto:r7shanta@fws.gov)

## Fire Prevention Team Wrapping Up Visit

As the Shanta Creek Fire transitions back to the local management organization, the Fire Prevention Team will also transition.

We'll go from doing home assessments to writing reports and preparing Community Emergency Services for the next fire or the next fire season.

We've enjoyed working with the local residents and wish them the safest year they've ever had.

Our news releases will discontinue, but word of our activities will still be available from the local Alaska Division of Forestry office in Soldotna.

If you'd like a FireWise Home Assessment after July 24, 2009, please contact Meg Ciccicarella, Kenai Peninsula FireWise Team Leader at 907-260-4262 or Sharon Roesch, Fire Prevention Specialist with the Alaska Division of Forestry at 907-260-4260.

### “Firewise Message”

With the recent welcomed rains coming to the Kenai Peninsula, local residents may breathe a sigh of relief that fire season is finally over...but, it's not. The rains are a good start with their cooler temperatures and rise in moisture, but the months of dry weather won't be erased with a single rain event. The fuels in the forested areas are still very dry and susceptible to fire. Remote Automatic Weather Stations, called RAWS stations, collect and measure the rainfall over a 24-hour period, beginning the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> through the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>. The three stations measured 7/100ths of an inch up to 14/100ths of an inch. That's a nice start, but it's not nearly enough rain to make the fire danger go away. Residences are asked to continue to be careful with fire and check local regulations and fire restrictions for their area.

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