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Shanta Creek Fire Information Update  
Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 4:00 p.m.  
Fire Information: (907) 260-4262

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

## **Shanta Creek Fire to Return to Refuge Office**

With the transfer of command of the Shanta Creek Fire from the National Interagency Management Organization team completed yesterday, the new local Type 3 team has now assumed the responsibility of the fire. Type 3 Incident Commander, Dave Lockwood and his staff, along with the resources needed, will now manage the balance of the tasks before turning back the fire to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Office by end of shift on Friday. At that point, all assigned resources will have been released from the fire. The fire itself will then go into Monitor Status via the Refuge office.

Currently, the fire has not gained in acreage which remains at 13,221 acres. A light rain fell on the fire again over most of the perimeter yesterday. In addition, the predicted winds from yesterdays forecast over the perimeter did not create any change to the perimeter itself. Other than some interior burning, smoke columns were visible to residences along Funny River Road. However, winds were easterly and posed no threat to homes. One local 20 person fire crew will be assigned today along with two excavators which will work in tandem along the defensive lines. The defensive lines established will remain in place continuing to provide protection from future fires that may start near the Full Protection zone, south of Funny River Road.

The Level 1 Evacuation Notice for the Funny River Road Area remains lifted and no longer in use, issued from the Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Office of Emergency Management.

The slash disposal site available from the KPB still remains available as long as residents have a need for it. Funny River Road residences may continue to drop off their wood slash and woody debris there. No tires, trash or chemical disposal is allowed. Residents must continue to first check with the Funny River Road Central Emergency Services Station 5, on Mile 17. Please obey all signs and dispose of slash in designated areas only. The disposal site will remain open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fire Information will remain in support for the Type 3 organization until the end of the week. Phone numbers will remain operational today through Friday. Office hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., phone numbers are: (907) 260-4262 at Division of Forestry and (907) 262-7021 at the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office.

For additional information, please visit the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge web site at <http://kenai.fws.gov>, then click on the link for the Shanta Creek Fire or visit the Shanta Creek Fire information on "InciWeb" at [www.inciweb.org/incident/1724/](http://www.inciweb.org/incident/1724/).

To comment or ask questions on the fire, please use the fire e-mail address at, [r7shanta@fws.gov](mailto:r7shanta@fws.gov).

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