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Fourth of July Wildland Fire Prevention

FAIRBANKS, Alaska— Fourth of July is a day we should be celebrating our freedom, not fighting wildfires!

The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (which represents Federal, State and Native landowners in Alaska) asks you to be especially cautious outdoors with anything that could start a wildland fire this Fourth of July weekend.

As of July 1, 201 fires are human-caused and 111 are lightning-caused. Accidental fires, which are preventable, can be started by many different recreational activities. Remember, it only takes one spark to start a new fire.

Please have a safe, happy holiday and enjoy your time outdoors in Alaska.

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To report a wildland fire, call 911 or 1-800-237-3633. For current wildland fire information visit the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center website at: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>.