

Draw a dot on where you zooming in from

WELCOME



Happy Summer Solstice

Which Season Are You In?



construction season

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wildfire season

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backhaul season

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mosquitoes season

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JUNE AGENDA

Training Updates

EPA Updates

RTOC Tribal Environmental Leader Summit (TELS) Download

WILDFIRES

- Emergency Preparedness

- Air Quality and Healthy Homes-

- Wildfire Forecasting, DEC -Mark Smith

- Worksheets and Pamphlets

Funding Opportunities

Discussion

- Summer Check-In

- Backhaul -Doug Huntman

Training Schedule

7 Generations (In-Person, Anchorage)
July 26-28

Introduction to IGAP (In-Person, Anchorage)
August 29-31

7 Generations Climate Adaptation
(In-Person, Anchorage)
September 26-28



ALASKA NATIVE
TRIBAL HEALTH
CONSORTIUM

EPA Funding Updates

EPA's Revision and Reissuance of
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)
Guidance (Comment by July 21)

An EPA consultation opportunity for tribal
governments and Alaska Native Corporations

Environmental Justice Thriving
Communities
(Apply by June 30)

"The EPA will competitively select multiple pass-through entities
to provide grant funds via subawards to community-based
nonprofit organizations and other eligible subrecipient groups
representing underserved and disadvantaged communities"

EPA's Hazardous Waste Management
Grant Program for Tribes (Apply by July
14), award ceiling \$100,000

"This grant program will support projects designed to develop
and implement hazardous waste management programs. These
programs must improve the applicant's ability to properly
identify, manage, or dispose of hazardous waste."



RTOC Tribal Environmental Leader Summit

Downloads

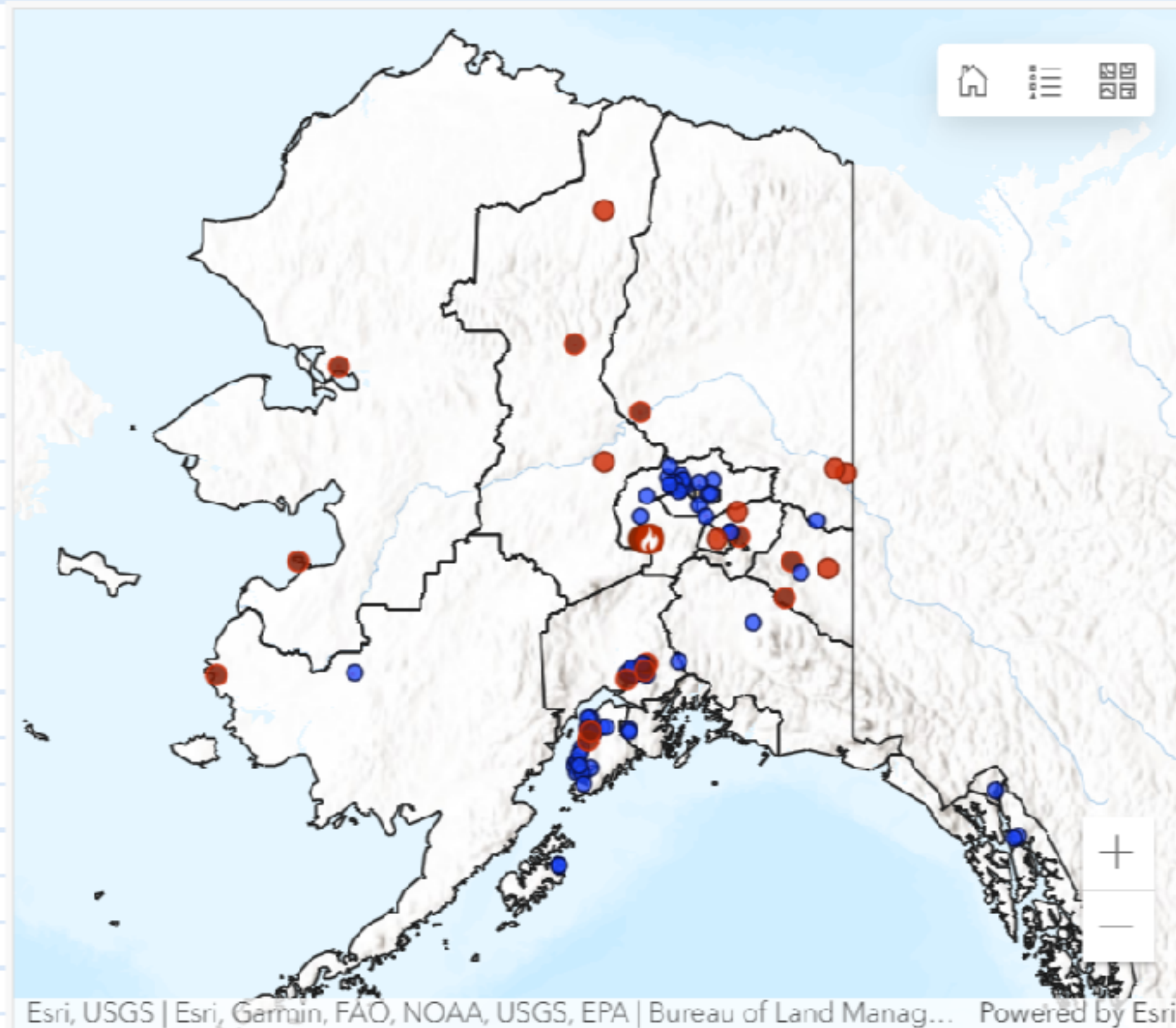
There were folks there or representatives of the tribes on this call there, but didn't speak yet. It was a great TELS and a lot of challenging questions for EPA. Catherine Villa

Who attended TELS this year? How was it?



June 5th-9th 2023
HIGHLIGHT

Wildfires



136-Waikiki Beach

Status: Out
Start: 6/19
Out: 6/19
Acres: 0.10

135-Lee

Status: U/C
Start: 6/19
Acres: 0.10

134-Roseberry

Status: U/C
Start: 6/19
Acres: 0.10

132-Sand Pit

Status: U/C
Last update: 1 minute ago

Change map extent to filter

of Confirmed This Week

Statewide
4
Last update: 2 minutes ago

of Confirmed Fires YTD

Statewide
120
Last update: 2 minutes ago

Estimated Acres Impacted YTD

Statewide
1,206
May not reflect acreage from new perimeters.
Last update: 2 minutes ago

NOTE: This dashboard

Guest Speakers

what about
contaminated soils,
after the flood, we
have stove oil,
propane, broken
sewer lines soil our
down areas; does it
slowly dissolve, or
does it linger, the odor

With the box fan
that you make
yourself, it does not
go in the window.
Just run it in the
room you are in and
let it filter the
indoor air correct?
susan conbere

-ANTHC EP (evacuations and communication)

-ANTHC Air & HH (stress of smoke from fires)-
Andrew Willman, ANTHC

-DEC, Mark Smith

Emergency Go-Bag Ideas for Households during COVID-19

Focused on an evacuation, grab and go bag stuffed with lightweight absolute necessities

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Sleeping bag / mylar rescue blanket
- ☐ Non-perishable food (Freeze-dried food pouches)
- ☐ Portable, battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- ☐ Battery or hand-crank flashlights
- ☐ First Aid kit
- ☐ Survival tool kit
- ☐ Duct tape / Heavy Rope
- ☐ Water purification tablets
- ☐ Sanitation & hygiene items
- ☐ Waterproof matches
- ☐ Whistle
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Extra clothing, including hats, gloves, shoes
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Cell phone with chargers
- ☐ Baby / Pet supplies
- ☐ Important documents in a waterproof bag
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Disposable gloves
- ☐ 2 face coverings for every household member over 2 years of age



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Shelter-in-Place Emergency Kit Ideas for Households during COVID-19

Focused on a stay-at-home and wait-it-out situation

- ☐ **Water – 1 gallon, per person, per day**
 - ☐ **Non-perishable food (5-7 day supply)**
 - ☐ **Manual Can Opener**
 - ☐ **Portable, battery-powered or hand-crank radio**
 - ☐ **Battery or hand-crank flashlights**
 - ☐ **First Aid kit**
 - ☐ **Tools (hammer, screwdriver, saw)**
 - ☐ **An indoor-safe heat source**
 - ☐ **Duct tape / Heavy Rope**
 - ☐ **Water purification tablets**
 - ☐ **Sanitation & hygiene items**
 - ☐ **Waterproof matches**
 - ☐ **Whistle**
 - ☐ **Scissors**
 - ☐ **Extra clothing, including hats, gloves, shoes**
 - ☐ **Medications**
 - ☐ **Cell phone with chargers**
 - ☐ **Extra batteries**
 - ☐ **Baby / Pet supplies**
 - ☐ **Important documents in waterproof bag**
 - ☐ **Hand sanitizer**
 - ☐ **Bar or Liquid soap**
 - ☐ **Disinfectant wipes**
 - ☐ **Disposable gloves**
 - ☐ **Dust masks (N95) and/or 2 face coverings for every household member over 2 years of age**



WILDFIRE SMOKE FACTSHEET

Coping with the Stress of Wildfire Smoke



Smoke from a wildfire can be a stressful reminder of a nearby threat. Even if there is no immediate danger, smoke from distant fires can be in the air for days or even weeks. Smoke can cause stress by limiting your daily outdoor activities, isolating you from friends and family, and disrupting your daily routines. Smoke can also trigger negative memories of other fires. Paying attention to how you and your loved ones are feeling, and knowing the steps to reduce your smoke exposure can help you effectively cope with the stress of smoke.

Common signs of stress

Stress can look different in different people.

Some signs to look out for include:

- Feelings of worry, frustration, anger, or sadness.
- Loss of appetite.
- Tiredness or loss of energy.
- Trouble concentrating or making decisions.
- Nightmares and trouble sleeping.
- Headaches, upset stomach, and skin rashes.
- Worsening of chronic health problems.
- More use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

In children, this could also include:

- Clinging, fears, acting like a younger child.
- Uncooperative behaviors, irritability.

- If your community has cleaner air spaces, such as the library or a shopping mall, plan to spend time with people there.
- Take breaks: make time to unwind and do the things you enjoy.
- Ask for help: talk with counselors, health professionals, or someone else you trust about your feelings and concerns.

Steps to reduce your smoke exposure

- Stay informed. Listen to or read local [Air Quality Index](#) (AQI) reports and updates on fires and smoke from air quality or fire officials.
- When smoke is present, check the [Fire and Smoke Map](#) and look for Smoke Outlooks for your area.
- Take steps to reduce your smoke exposure.

For More Information:

Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event: <https://emergency.cdc.gov/coping/index.asp>

Using the Air Quality Index: <https://www.airnow.gov/aqi/aqi-basics/using-air-quality-index/>

AirNow Fire and Smoke Map: <https://fire.airnow.gov/>

Wildfires and Indoor Air Quality (IAQ): <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/wildfires-and-indoor-air-quality-iaq>

Reduce Your Smoke Exposure factsheet: <https://www.airnow.gov/publications/wildfire-guide-factsheets/reduce-your-smoke-exposure/>

Other Wildfire Guide factsheets: <https://www.airnow.gov/wildfire-guide-factsheets/>

Resources for Children and Adults Who Care for Them:

Helping Children Cope with Disaster: https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019-07/helping_children_cope.pdf

Helping Children Impacted by Wildfires factsheet (NCSTN): <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/parent-guidelines-helping-children-impacted-wildfires>

Help Kids Cope app (NCSTN): <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/help-kids-cope>

Ready Wrigley children's books: <https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readywrigley/books.htm>

Why is Coco Red? children's book: <https://www.airnow.gov/publications/why-is-coco-red/why-is-coco-red-picture-book/>



Wildfires in Canada



Wildfires impact urban areas, too.

Pollution from cars and temperatures inversions worsen air quality on top of smoke

Check your air quality index when spending time outside

Funding Opportunities

Emergency Community Water Assistance Program (ECWAG) – This provides emergency grant funds to communities experiencing a decrease in quality or quantity of water. The fact sheet explains the funding amounts – anywhere from \$150,000 to \$1million.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants#overview>

Community Wildfire Defense Grant- helps at-risk local communities and Tribes; plan for and reduce the risk of wildfire.

- <https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>



Summer Check-In

Our landfill had so much water from the snow melt that it was inaccessible until about a week and a half ago. We were so backed up and finally caught up with trash haul collection from bi

bins last week. It was terrible not being able to dump trash into the landfill, but we are gratefully all caught up. Whew!!!

**needing
totes for
batteries**

Diomedes has no long distance phones for about 3 months now. Meaning no DSL. I'm using Starlink to zoom today.

Only freighter is Lynden Air Cargo and they do not participate in the backhaul recycle program.

**Have you
faced any
barriers when
completing
your summer
projects?**

For Pitka's Point IGAP - we are working on submitting a revised budget to include freight costs to backhaul recyclables that we no longer have partners with airlines to do this for u

us for free anymore. Everts and NAC no longer fly to St. Mary's.

Our program will be in Pitkas Point on July 13th. We will backhaul Ewaste, batteries and fluorescent bulbs- Doug Huntman

**They're doing
activities at
the school**

**There is a
campfire
going on here
in Kipnuk**

Under IGAP we are doing brush cutting this summer for Safety of blind spots when hauling trash

I am helping tribes with sw signage in their communities. I am looking into getting some made up in Unangam Tunuu, the Aleut language.

**solid
waste
signage**

**How are your
summer
tradition
activities
going?**

They are coordinating a summer backhaul in Y-K with Tribal governments and any of the Tribes or contacts involved might be able to add successes and challenges.

The Native Village of Shungnak started a Community wide fishing rack for fishing this summer. They got poles and fishing equipment with a 10,000.00 grant they got from Manillaq Ass

They will be checking nets and scaling hanging and drying fish to give out to people that don't have all the equipment to fish this summer.

The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC) sent out starlink internet our tribes.

Question for
doug, any
training for
landfill
operators?

I didn't hear
anything about
Southeast Alaska,
heard of all other
parts of Alaska! Will
you be adding
Southeast Alaska?

Backhaul

Community Highlight -Doug Huntman



Backhaul

We'll start staging way before Napaimute reaches Akiak. We'll be ready, Doug & Mark!

Last year Delta Backhaul was at Chuathbaluk and thank you very Doug!

Unalaska is doing a backhaul this summer, and Atka has started small with some e-waste and car batteries.

Grayling is going to do backhaul this summer, sorry no mic on my computer

i did not do a backhaul before but i helped a little before i became the EPA Coordinator and i still have a lot to learn and looking forward to training in the future

hi Joseph here in Kivalina we are going to start a dump clean up we are getting equipment ready. and I didn't get a backhaul before so would be good to have some pointers. thank you

Is anyone planning on doing a backhaul, if so, what materials?

Where do you start when you are planning your first backhaul?

Next Webinar July 19th

