

# **800 Men Battling Forest Fires In the Interior**

The Fairbanks area has had .05 inch of rain in the last 24 hours. However the area where the fires are located have had only a trace of moisture. The low temperatures have been in big help in bringing some of the fires under control.

Only one small fire was spotted on Wednesday located 15 miles south east of

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Eielson Air Force Base. Smokejumpers were immediately dispatched to this small fire and it is now under control.

The venetie fire, 30 acres in size, was controlled yesterday. There are 20 men mopping up this fire today.

Still burning out of control is the 10,000 acre Beaver Creek fire, the funnel creek fire of 9,400 acres, the Black River fire, 2,600 acres and the 1,500 acre Northway fire. Control was expected yesterday on the funnel creek fire but no control has been set on the other fires.

At the present time there are over 800 men battling these blazes. Trained crews from the Alaskan villages are being used and a large number of overhead personnel has been called from the lower states.

Three large fires are still burning out of control in Canada. Two of these fires threaten the border but as of this date have not crossed into Alaska so no action has been taken by the BLM.