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Governor Dunleavy Declares 2025 Denali Borough Fires a Disaster

Declaration Activates State Public and Individual Assistance Programs

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Governor Mike Dunleavy issued a Disaster Declaration yesterday for the Denali Borough to support the borough's response and recovery from wildland fires.

The declaration activates the state's Public and Individual Assistance programs which are designed to help communities and individuals recover from disaster events. The ongoing wildfire suppression activity is funded through other state wildfire response funds and Federal Fire Management Assistance Grants.

"The men and women of the fire service are truly amazing. They have a tough job which they accomplish with a determined and humble attitude," said Governor Mike Dunleavy. "While the effort to protect lives and property from wildfire continues, this disaster declaration opens the state's disaster recovery programs to help communities and families address damages to residential property."

The state's Public Assistance program is designed to restore critical infrastructure such as buildings, roads, utilities, bridges and communications to pre-disaster conditions. Local jurisdictions, tribal organizations, and certain non-profits in the Denali Borough, with disaster damages, may be eligible to apply for Public Assistance disaster recovery grants.

The state's Individual Assistance program is designed to help individuals and families recover from damage to their primary residence and other essential property. Individual Assistance registration for residence of the Denali Borough will begin June 27, 2025. [DHS&EM | Individual Assistance](#).

There are many active wildfires across the state. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center is at Preparedness Level 4, with 190 active fires statewide more than 270,000 acres burned, and more than 800 firefighters engaged. The Governor may amend the disaster declaration to include additional areas if wildfire damage to homes or critical infrastructure occur.

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