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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

PREPARING FOR TH 2025 WILDFIRE SEASON

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THE GROWING WILDFIRE THREAT IN ALASKA

- Unusually dry conditions in South Central Alaska
- Increased wildfire risk due to rising temperatures & lower precipitation.
- High-risk communities in WUI areas: Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, Soldotna, and others.
- Challenges: Limited water sources, difficult terrain, single-access roads.
- Benefits of Action: Reduce firefighting costs, economic damage, and loss of lives and homes.

Significant Wildland Fire Potential

Above Normal	State Boundary
Below Normal	Geographic Area Boundary
Normal	Predictive Services Area Boundary

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STRENGTHENING INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION

Key Recommendations in HJR 15:

- State and local agencies review and update wildfire response plans.
- Fire departments, forestry officials, and public safety officers collaborate on equipment, drills, and evacuation plans.
- Pursue investments in aerial firefighting resources, water reservoirs, and critical road ROW maintenance.
- Federal support is crucial—We urge Congress to increase funding for Alaska's wildfire prevention efforts.

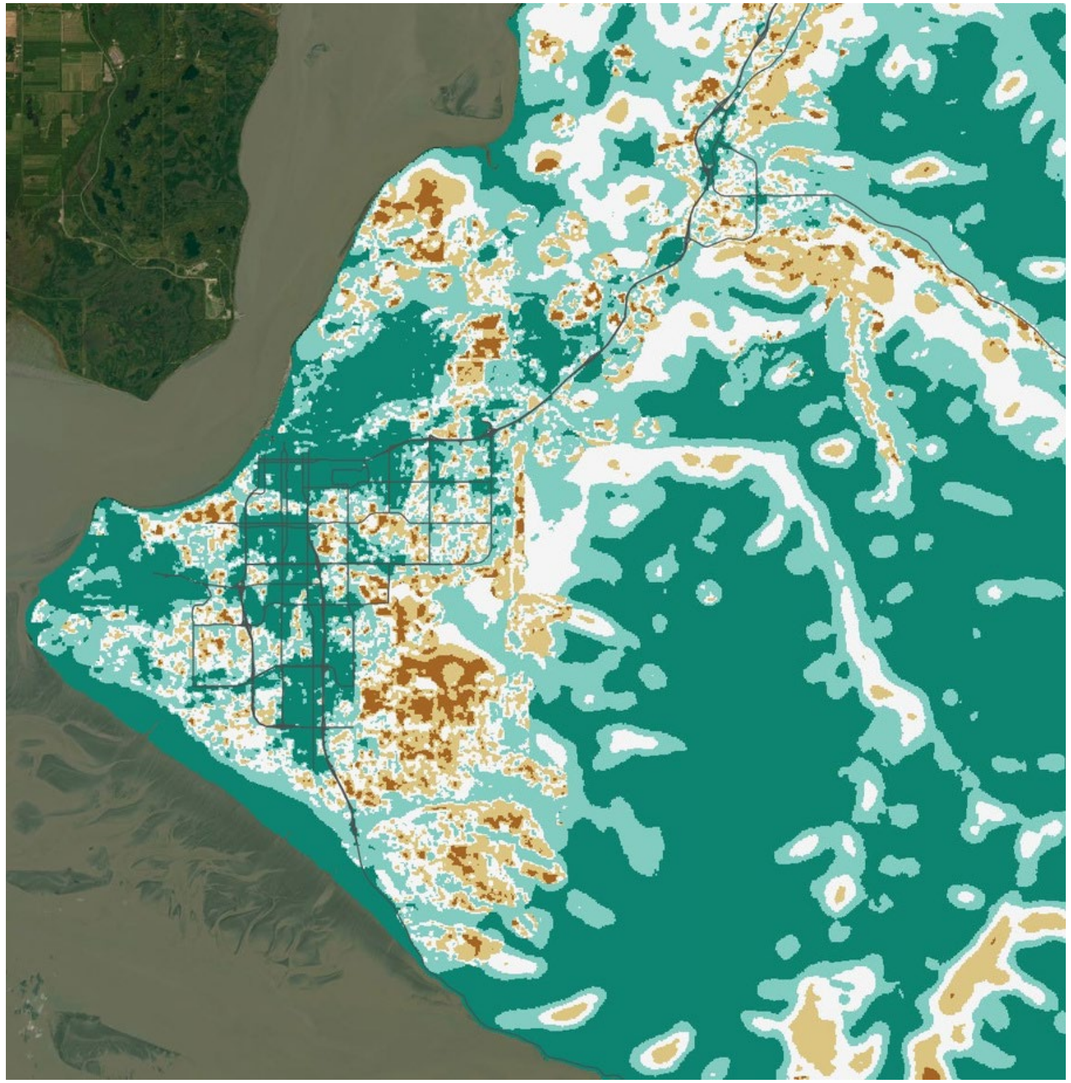
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PUBLIC PREPAREDNESS

Key Recommendations in HJR 15:

Proactive Community Actions:

- Expand Firewise USA participation & homeowner education.
- Promote "Ready, Set, Go!" evacuation preparedness program.
- Increase early detection efforts and emergency notifications.
- Organize community wildfire drills and evacuation route planning.

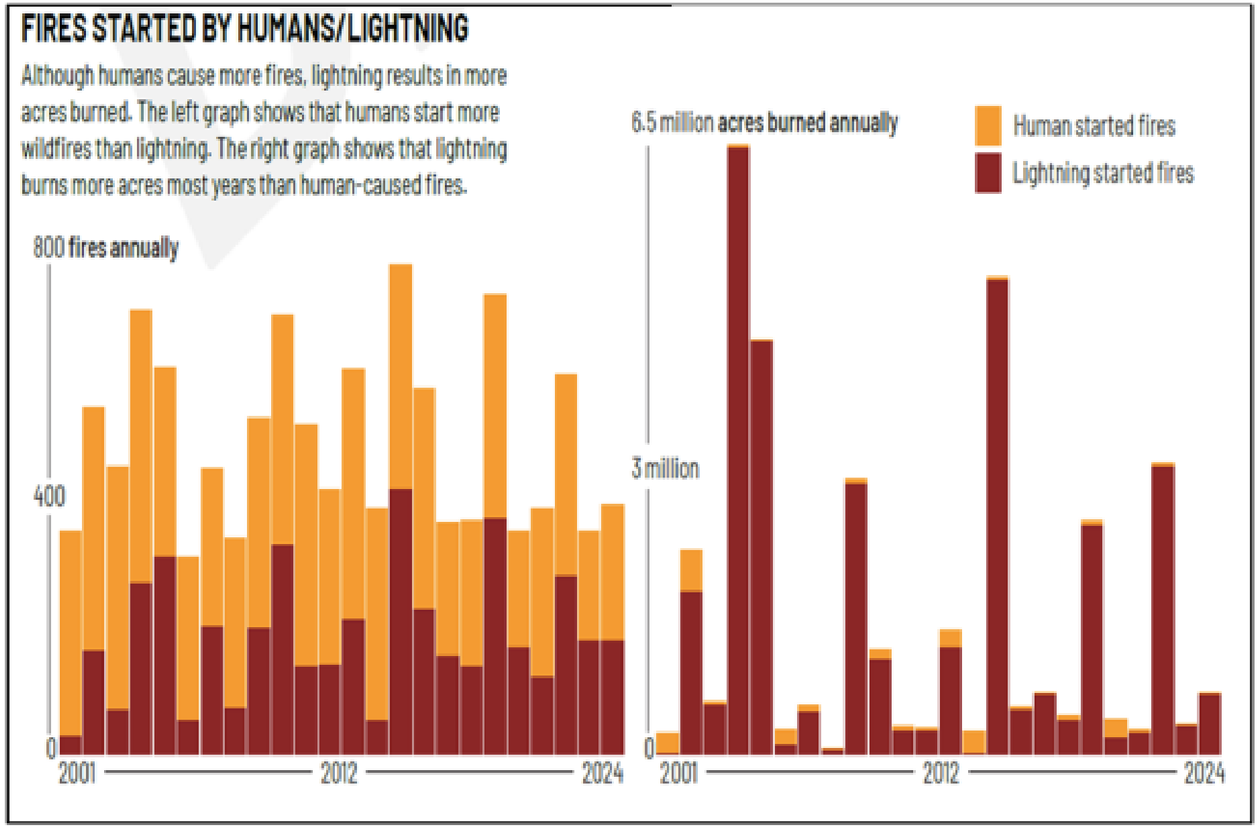
2014 Anchorage Wildfire Risk Map



CALL TO ACTION

2025 Wildfire Season has started!

- State & Local Leaders: Implement wildfire mitigation strategies now.
- Residents: Take part in preparedness programs & report risks.
- Congress & Federal Agencies: Support Alaska with funding & resources.
- First Responders & Public Safety Officers: Participate in interagency training & drills.



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CLOSING QUESTIONS