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Nugget Creek fire closes more Chena River Recreation facilities

(Fairbanks, AK) – Alaska State Parks officials announced closure Monday of additional facilities in the Chena River State Recreation Area, as the Nugget Creek wildfire continues to burn.

Last week, park officials closed the Granite Tors Trail, Mastodon Trail and trailhead and Nugget Creek public use cabin. Increased fire activity over the weekend led them to close the Granite Tors campground at Mile 39 of the Chena Hot Springs Road, and river access locations at Mile 37.7 and Mile 39.6 of the road. The closures are effective immediately.

The Nugget Creek fire began with a lightning strike, one mile northeast of the Nugget Creek public use cabin. The fire has since grown to encompass nearly 7,000 acres, and is now burning within 200 yards of the Chena River at Mile 37.7.

Drivers in the area are cautioned to watch for fire equipment and to be prepared for reduced visibility along Chena Hot Springs Road.

For up-to-date information on fire conditions around the state, visit www.akfireinfo.com, or call Alaska Wildland Fire Information at (907) 356-5511.

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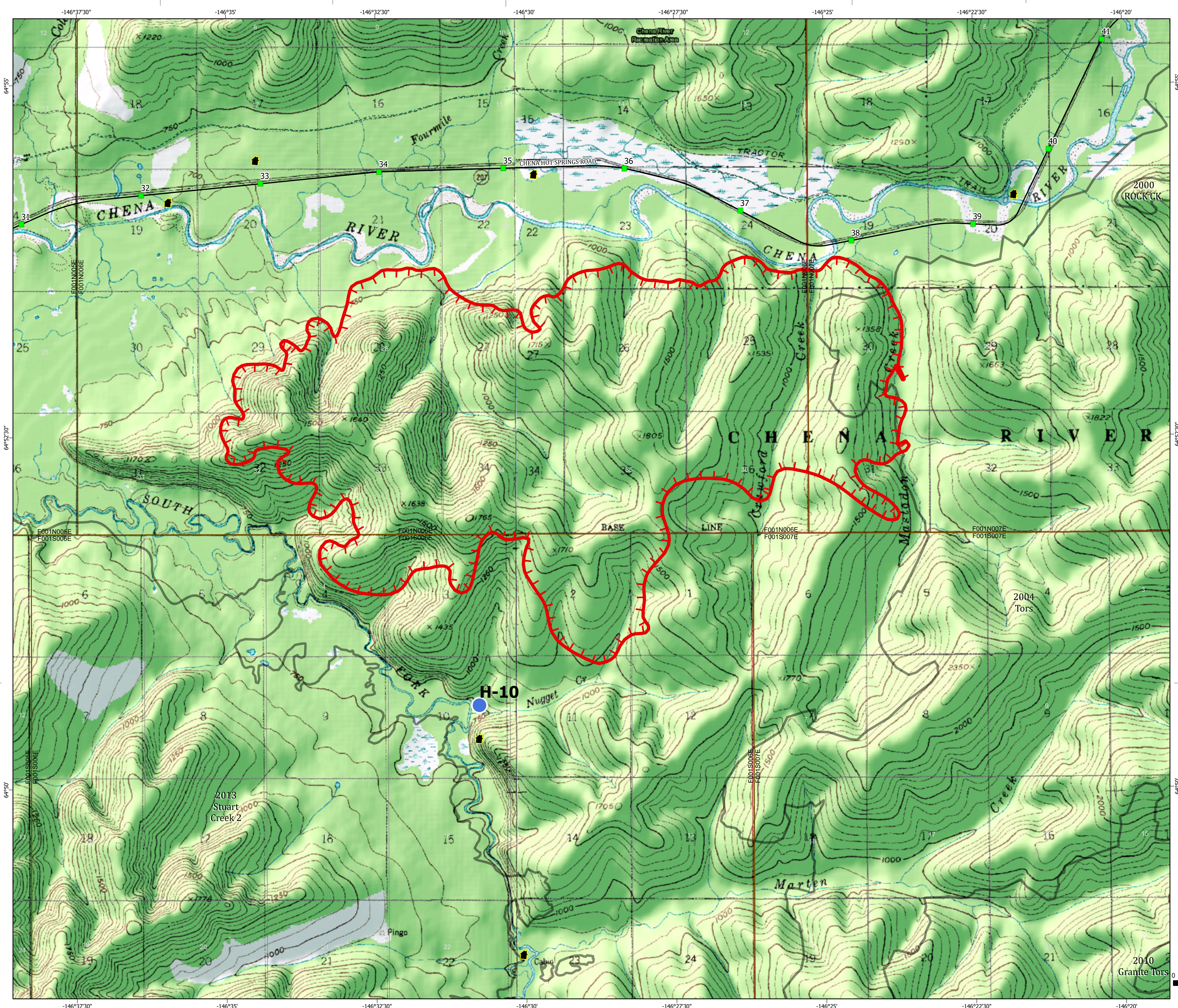
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**323 Nugget Creek
Operations
Vicinity Map**
Approx. 6,937 acres
as of 7/01/2019



7/02/2019
Operational Period

- Helispot
- └─┘ Uncontrolled Fire Edge
- RS2477
- Trails
- ▭ Fire History Less than 20 years old
- Road Centerlines
- Milepost
- Structure



Alaska Albers Projection
NAD 83 Datum

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Miles