



It's 90 degrees - in Alaska

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1. It's supposed to be the nation's coldest state...but it sure hasn't felt like it recently.

2. Parts of Alaska saw record record-breaking temperatures over the holiday weekend...with the the July fourth temperature in Anchorage hitting 90 degrees.

3. The previous record was 85 degrees in the summer of 1969.

4. Climatologists like Brian Brettschneider say it's another symptom of climate change.

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" (There is) Really no going around that our climate is getting warm and these extreme events are more likely.

5. It's been SO warm that fireworks have been banned in much of Alaska.

6. As of Monday, there were 120 active fires burning across the state.

7. The state's glaciers are reportedly losing over 2 feet in density per year and faster-than-normal snowmelt is bloating rivers.

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"The warming causes snow and ice to melt which then frees up more of ground to absorb more heat and the water, which causes even more heating which cause more snow and ice to melt. So really it feeds off itself in a downward spiral."

8. Brettschneider says these occurrences should be used as an educational opportunity to "think about" climate policy going forward and stop the warming that he says, "may or may not be baked into the future."