

70-MPH Winds Spoil a Sunny Sunday

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A strong low pressure system swept past Kodiak over the weekend, bringing with it sustained winds of 50 mph and gusts to 70, as measured at the Kodiak Benny Benson State Airport.

Many trees were reported to have been knocked down by the wind, with one causing a fire when it hit electrical lines near the Kodiak Landfill. Power was out in the Monashka area for over an hour as the power couldn't be restored until the fire was out.

At least two barges came loose of their moorings in Womens Bay. One fetched up on Mary's Island in the bay and another went aground east of Lash Dock.

Northwest winds are expected to continue gusting to 50 mph today, decreasing to 15 to 30 during the afternoon. West winds 10 to 25 are forecast for tonight, shifting to the southeast and bringing rain tomorrow.