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### Thirty Years

July 13, 2019, in the middle of what was later known as the hottest July on record in Alaska, the temperature reached over 90 degrees for the first time in history. One can get the sense of “baked Alaska” by standing on ice and feeling sweaty, with the mostly clear sky hazy from the smoke of a roaring wildfire. For the past 30 years, Matanuska glacier has receded from where this picture was taken to its current position. Due to high temperatures, the glacier is melting at a dramatic rate, filling up the flooded puddles on the moraine field every single day.

—Lijie “Reggie” Huang '19