

## 2012 Standardization of WFDSS for Alaska

The Protection Agency is responsible for initiating new fires into WFDSS. Fires within State protection will be uploaded nightly through the Integrated Fire Management system (IFM). Jurisdictional Agencies will then be able to log into WFDSS, select the new fire, and Accept Ownership. It is then up to the Jurisdictional Agency policy(s) whether a decision is published.

### Information tab standardizations for Alaska.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Incident Information' form in the WFDSS system. The incident is identified as '123 Sample' with ID '2012-AKKKS-000123'. The form is divided into several sections:

- Incident Name:** 123 Sample
- Geographic Area:** Alaska
- Owner Name:** Passek, Janet (with a 'Transfer Ownership...' button)
- Point of Origin:** Latitude (60.35651 Deg, 21 Min, 23.4 Sec) and Longitude (150.7669 Deg, 46 Min, 0.8 Sec).
- Unique Fire Identifier:** 2012 - AKKKS - 000123 (Calendar Year, Unit ID, Local Number) and FireCode ABC7.
- Responsible Unit Name:** Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry
- Incident Cause:** Radio buttons for Unknown, Natural, and Human (Human is selected).
- Is this a fire of National Significance?:** Radio buttons for Yes and No (No is selected).
- Jurisdictional Agency Unit at Point of Origin:** AKKNR - Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.
- \*Jurisdictional Agency(s):** A list of agencies with checkboxes. 'Fish and Wildlife Service' is checked.
- Landscape Data Source:** Radio buttons for various data sources. 'Alaska Refresh 2008 1.1.0' is selected.

A 'Save' button is located at the bottom left of the form.

#### Incident Name:

Statewide sequential 3 digit fire number followed by fire name (no parenthesis or dashes; fire name starts with a capital letter followed by small letters, i.e. 123 Sample).

**Point of Origin:** Latitude and longitude of the fire start.

**Unique Fire Identifier (Must be Unique - no duplicate numbers!)**

- **Year** – system will default to current year (this field is non-editable)
- **Unit ID-** Protecting Agency (AK followed by the Protecting Agency Unit ID – see attached list. Do not use hyphen and use all capital letters i.e. AKSWS)
- **Local Number:** The Statewide sequential fire number issued by AICC. For fires that have been assigned a State Code, enter the entire 6 digit number.
- **Fire Code:** 4 character Federal Fire Code if one is assigned or 6 character USFS code.

**Responsible Unit Name at Point of Origin** - Protecting Agency Zone/ Area/ District responsible for fire. This is auto-filled from the surface management agency map - if wrong submit correction through the feedback button

**Incident Size:** Include fire size at time of fire discovery. This field will be updated to reflect accurate fire size during the decision process.

**Incident Cause** - select if known

**Discovery Date and Time** - Enter date of discovery, note that system defaults to current date (mm/dd/yyyy).

**Containment Date and Time** - Leave Blank until containment. The Protecting Agency is responsible for determining containment date and entering that date into WFDSS (mm/dd/yyyy).

**Controlled Date and Time** – Leave blank until controlled. The Protecting Agency is responsible for determining the controlled data and entering that date into WFDSS (mm/dd/yyyy).

**Out Date and Time** - Leave blank until declared out (mm/dd/yyyy). The Protecting Agency is responsible for determining the out date but the Jurisdictional Agency is responsible for entering that date into WFDSS. Once the fire is declared out in WFDSS, no further edits can be made to the document.

**Jurisdictional Unit at Point of Origin** – This will be auto-filled for the Jurisdictional Agency at the Point of Origin as defined by the latitude and longitude entered. Corrections need to be done by submitting a request through the feedback button. WFDSS is not to be utilized as your source for ownership and should be verified using standard dispatch practices.

**Jurisdictional Agency(s)** - Jurisdictional agency(s) on which the fire is burning. Use Toggle buttons to select, more than one agency can be selected.

**Landscape Data Source** – Select: Alaska Refresh 2008 1.1.0

(User may want to set your system Preferences to default to this data source)

**Owner Information -**

- **Owner Name:** Name of individual from the Jurisdictional agency who is the author of the document. In most cases this will be the Jurisdictional Agency FMO.
  
- **Group Ownership:** This feature facilitates assigning multiple Owners to a multi-jurisdictional fire. Each Owner has author privileges, can add Editors to the process and has the authority to develop the decision document. Any owner can initiate the decision process. This could also **cause** you trouble if the owners are not collaborating and not all information is added by the other owners before the decision approval process is started.

**Unit ID and Responsible Unit at Point of Origin:**

<b>Unit ID</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Unit Name</b>
TNF	FS	Tongass National Forest
CNF	FS	Chugach National Forest
GAD	BLM	AFS – Galena Zone
TAD	BLM	AFS – Tanana Zone
UYD	BLM	AFS – Upper Yukon Zone
MID	BLM	AFS – Military Zone
CRS	State	Copper River Area
DAS	State	Delta Area
FAS	State	Fairbanks Area
HNS	State	Southeast (Haines) Area
KKS	State	Kenai-Kodiak Area
MSS	State	Mat-Su Area
SWS	State	Southwest Area
TAS	State	Tok Area