

Delegation of Authority

As of 0600 hours, June 25, 2003, I have delegated authority to manage the Sand Creek Fire, (# 312284) to, Rex McKnight, Type 2 Incident Commander (IC). Within the authority, regulations, and policies of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, you are responsible for adhering to guidelines and considerations established by the Wildland Fire Situation Analysis (WFSA) and the objectives in this delegation:

- 1) Provide for the safety of fire fighters and the public.
- 2) Provide structure protection along the Goodpaster River drainage. As a first priority, maintain structure protection efforts initiated by the Type III organization and concentrate efforts on the Liscum Slough group of 25 structures on the Goodpaster River. Assess the need for structure protection down river from this group and act according to need.
- 3) As a secondary priority, protection of Pogo Mine facilities and structures at Volkmar Lake should be assessed and structure protect undertaken if conditions warrant. The exploration camp on the Ridge above the mine site will not be protected.
- 4) Structures are to be protected utilizing pumps and sprinkler kits. Fuel reduction should be limited to that necessary to install the cabin protection equipment properly. The areas around structures will be mopped up to the extent necessary to save the structure from residual heat in the duff rekindling and burning the structure after the fires passage.
- 5) The fire will be allowed to burn into Liscum Slough, Shaw Creek drainage, South Fork of the Goodpaster, Tanana Flats, and the upper reaches of the North Fork of the Goodpaster River.
- 6) Follow the State cabin protection policy (attached). Trespass cabins will not be protected.
- 7) The use of heavy equipment is not authorized with the exception of the Pogo Mine site that has a D-7 on location.

- 8) Use a Public Information Officer(s) as needed. Prepare and disseminate public information for media and local residents. Hold public meetings as necessary to keep the public informed.
- 9) Residents are located at many of the structures along the Goodpaster. Develop a plan to monitor their need for assistance if they request or require an evacuation.
- 10) Provide for initial attack support on new starts for Delta Area (DAO). The DAO dispatch via the Fire Management Officer (FMO) will be the contact.
- 11) Orders will be directed to the Northern Region from the Team via Northern Region Logistics. Northern Region will attempt to fill these orders locally where appropriate.
- 12) The line officer contact will be Al Edgren, Delta Area Forester. In his absence, Chris Maisch, Regional Forester will be the contact. Daily briefing of the line officer(s) will occur at 0900 hours.
- 13) Adhere to standard purchasing guidelines with ordering through Northern Region Logistics. Incidental local purchasing is limited to \$1,000.00 or less.

Chris Maisch, Regional Forester

Date

Rex McKnight, Incident Commander

Date