

**Delegation of Authority
Tanana Zone
BLM/Alaska Fire Service**

As of 0800, June 2nd, 2010, I have delegated authority to manage the Toklat Fire, Fire #128 to Type 3 Incident Commander John Lyons. Considerations for the management of this fire are:

1. Provide for firefighter and public safety.
2. Dependent on the availability of resources provide point protection to allotments and designated improvements. As per the May 29, 2010 memo, attached, from Steve Heppner, BIA FMO, the priorities for allotment protection are:
 - a. Protection of structures,
 - b. Protection of white spruce stands,
 - c. Protection of cultural sites.

3. Apply the following Alaska DOF policy interpretation to site (structure) protection:

In Limited Areas or Modified Areas that have converted, the default action by policy is to not protect the structure. However, criteria to be considered in making a determination to protect state, private, or municipal structures may include year-round residency, defensible space that would increase probability of success, and other fire management considerations such as fire fighter safety, resource availability, and fire behavior.

When there is a need to engage in structure protection, we will ensure that we are taking safe and reasonable tactical actions of which we are trained and equipped. Do not use tactics such as gelling, wrapping, or extensive hazardous fuels modifications, and avoid long term parking of structural engines or personnel on location.

As a reminder, protection of life and fire fighter safety is our primary concern. Due to the nature of this fire season, shortages of equipment, manpower, and other resources may make it difficult to achieve all of our objectives on this incident and the loss of structures is a regrettable, but an acceptable, outcome.

4. Take advantage of opportunities by using natural barriers, burning out, and the use of check lines to protect identified values at risk. Use these opportunities to limit the long-term commitment of firefighting resources and reducing overall costs.
5. Utilize resources cost-effectively to accomplish incident objectives.

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