

Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group



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Dear Alaska Land Managers and Suppression Providers:

Fire perimeter information enhances decision making in all phases of wildland fire management. It also significantly improves the fire information available to the public. Fire perimeter information needs to be accurate, readily available, and accessible to land managers, suppression providers, and the public in a timely manner.

To address these needs, the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group GIS Committee, working in cooperation with the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC), has developed a set of procedures for submitting digital fire perimeters to the AICC website. For the 2008 Fire Season, GIS shape files of fire perimeters (100 acres or greater) are to be submitted to this website when perimeters are created, updated, and finalized.

These perimeter submittal procedures are not intended to supersede existing agency protocols for distribution of mapping information (e.g. land manager to suppression provider and vice-versa), but should be considered supplemental to such procedures. For instance, land managers should ensure fire suppression providers are notified when a perimeter is submitted to the AICC perimeter upload site by their organization. Additionally, fire suppression providers should also ensure uploaded fire perimeter information is consistent with the information submitted to the AICC Situation Report.

Please distribute the attached submission procedures to the fire staff in your agency. Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to the Alaska Fire Service GIS Group, phone (907) 356-5582 or (907) 356-5587.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group

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