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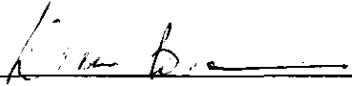
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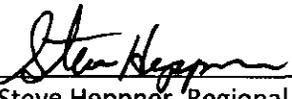
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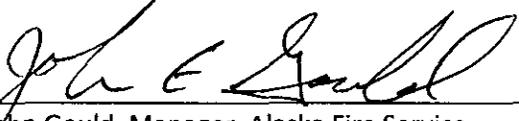
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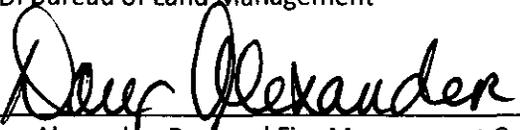
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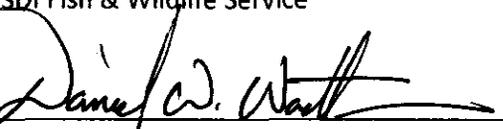

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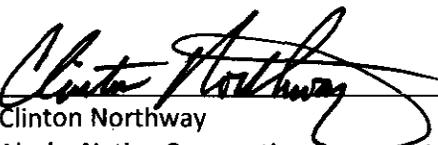

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INTRODUCTION

Multi-agency coordination between wildland fire Protecting Agencies and Jurisdictional Agencies is an ongoing process. As the complexity of incidents and involvement of agencies increases, it becomes necessary to expand the normal communication channels to ensure that each agency is given an opportunity to voice their concerns, discuss strategic alternatives, and make decisions that are disseminated and implemented effectively and efficiently by all the agencies.

The Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (AMAC) is activated on a situational basis when fire activity or resource mobilization requires interaction between agencies to ensure that decisions are responsive to the priority interests of the geographic area as a whole. Typical situations requiring the AMAC to convene are: multiple units experiencing fire starts; more than 50% of non-tactical resources and more than 75% of tactical resources are committed; and the existing weather pattern supporting fire activity is forecasted to remain in place. AMAC may also be activated at the request, and in support, of the National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC).

The Alaska Preparedness Plan, found in the Alaska Interagency Mobilization Guide (AIMG) Chapter 20, section 26.2, identifies specific management actions to be considered within each level of statewide preparedness. These levels are based on the current wildland fire activity, probability of new wildland fire starts, burning conditions, prescribed fire activities and the commitment of resources. The Alaska Preparedness Level is documented in the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Situation Report which is available at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>. The AMAC is notified of “on-call status” at Preparedness Level 3 and activated at Level 4.

The primary mission for the AMAC and the agencies’ fire programs is wildland fire management. However, it is recognized that situations and events may influence this principle, and in a given situation, an all-hazard incident may be given priority. AMAC may be activated to facilitate a coordinated response of wildland fire resources to all-hazard incidents.

MISSION

AMAC provides a forum to discuss strategic actions to be taken to ensure that an adequate number of resources are available to meet the anticipated needs. AMAC considers agency-specific fire management priorities, addresses politically and publicly sensitive issues that are common to all in an interagency format, and provides mutual support to NMAC.

The AMAC functions include:

- Resource allocation approvals
- State and federal disaster response or coordination
- Political interfaces
- Information flow to the public, the media and involved agencies
- Strategic actions in anticipation of future needs

- Identification and resolution of issues common to all parties
- Protection objectives revisions / Non-standard responses
- Prescribed Fire Activity authorizations at PL4&5
- Burning restrictions suggestions
- Coordination with NMAC

MEMBERSHIP

The AMAC will be comprised of one representative from each of the following agencies/entities:

Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry
 United States Department of the Interior (DOI) , Bureau of Indian Affairs
 DOI Bureau of Land Management
 DOI Bureau of Land Management , Alaska Fire Service
 DOI Fish and Wildlife Service
 DOI National Park Service
 United State Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
 Native Corporation (one statewide representative)

ORGANIZATION

The AMAC consist of designated members, a chair and a coordinator. Support specialists will be assigned as warranted and subject matter experts will be requested as needed.

- **Members:** Representatives with delegated authority from their respective agency/organization directors are the primary AMAC members. The delegated representative is usually the regional fire program manager or the organization’s point of contact for wildland fire management issues. Each member is fully authorized to represent their respective agency. A written delegation of authority (see Appendix 1) is recommended. To ensure operational capability in the event the primary member is unavailable, members may authorize an individual to act on their behalf with full authority.
- **Chair:** The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) Chair will also serve as AMAC Chair provided that individual represents one of the AMAC member agencies. If not, the AWFCG Vice-Chair will be the AMAC Chair. If neither is available, the AWFCG Chair will appoint an AMAC Chair for the activation period.
- **Coordinator:** The AICC Manager serves as, or assigns, the AMAC Coordinator.
- **Support Specialists:** Personnel with specialized skills to document AMAC activities and decision or that support AMAC requests for information and products are activated as needed.
- **Subject Matter Experts(SMEs):** Individuals and representatives from organizations or agencies with needed expertise will be requested to participate as non-voting members of the AMAC as warranted.
- **NMAC Representative:** The Chief, Branch of Fire Management for the Fish and Wildlife Service represents Alaska on the NMAC.

ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES

Each of the following entities are essential participants in fulfilling AMAC mission and performing AMAC functions.

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group: The NMAC is responsible for establishing National and Geographic Area business practices, ensuring timely national level incident information and firefighting resource status, setting national priorities among Geographic Areas, directing, allocating and reallocating firefighting resources among Geographic Areas to meet NMAC priorities, anticipating and identifying future firefighting resource requirements, and coordinating and resolving firefighting resource policy issues. The AMAC is represented on the NMAC by the Chief, Branch of Fire Management for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Protecting Agency Representatives: DNR Operations Forester, AFS Chief of Fire Operations, and a USFS representative (when warranted) brief the AMAC on the fire situation statewide, prioritize fires for AMAC's resource allocations approval, and identify current and emerging issues and concerns for AMAC to address.

Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Manager :AICC Manager determines the appropriate level of preparedness and activates the AMAC as indicated in the Alaska Preparedness Plan. The AICC Manager serves as, or assigns, the AMAC Coordinator. (See Appendix 2 for Coordinator Delegation of Authority)

Alaska Multi-Agency Group Coordinator: The AMAC Coordinator will provide expertise on the function of the MAC organization. The duties of the AMAC Coordinator are to:

- Arrange type, location, time and date of meetings and notify AMAC members
- Develop agendas (See Appendix 3), complete the Alaska Incident Prioritization Summary (Appendix 4) or similar documentation and distribute to AMAC members prior to the meeting
- Lead AMAC meetings and ensure minutes are recorded and decisions documented
- Assemble and supervise an appropriate level of support staff
- Identify issues and obtain information required to adequately brief the AMAC
- Facilitate implementation of AMAC decisions
- Compile permanent records of AMAC activities and provide to AICC Manager

AMAC Chair : The AMAC Chair coordinates with the AICC Manager to activate the AMAC and continues to work closely with the AMAC Coordinator throughout the AMAC activation period. The Chair is the primary point of contact for NMAC.

AMAC Members: Each member is responsible to:

- Express their agency's priorities, issues and concerns
- Ensure that the collective situation status is provided and current by agency
- Approve resource allocation priorities of ongoing incidents
- Determine resource requirements and availability, by agency
- Identify and resolve issues common to all parties
- Review need for subject matter expert involvement in AMAC meetings

- Critique and recommend improvements
- Identify fiscal issues or concerns
- Keep their Agency Administrators briefed on AMAC issues and decisions
- Facilitate the implementation of AMAC decisions within their agencies

Incident Management Teams and Area Command: The AMAC does not direct the Incident Management Teams or Area Command(s), who retain the authority and responsibility for on-the-ground management of the incident organization. Incident management teams and area command organizations are to expedite the transfer of critical intelligence through established dispatch channels. Responsibilities of incident management teams and area command:

- Complete Incident Status Summaries (Form ICS209) timely
- Keep Protecting Agency Fire Management Officers updated on activity and needs
- Participate in AMAC conference calls as requested
- Implement AMAC decisions as directed

Administrative Unit Administrator with Incidents: The Jurisdictional Agency Administrators (park superintendents, refuge managers, etc.). Responsibilities are:

- Complete Wildland Fire Decision Support System entries, and approve decisions and complete periodic assessments in a timely manner
- Maintain a dialog with their respective agency AMAC Representative
- Implement AMAC decisions to the extent possible as determined by their agencies' regulations and policies

GENERAL OPERATING GUIDELINES

Activation Procedures

Activation levels for the AMAC are directed by the Alaska Preparedness Plan. The AMAC may also be activated at the requested by an AMAC member or NMAC.

Activities by Preparedness Level

Preparedness Levels 1 & 2: AMAC members review of the AICC Situation Reports available at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>.

Preparedness Level 3: The AMAC will be placed in "on-call status." AMAC members will continue to monitor activity in by reviewing the AICC Situation Report. Conference calls may occur for information sharing.

Preparedness Levels 4 & 5: AMAC members will be assembled as directed by the AMAC Chair or AMAC Coordinator. Activation may involve daily conference calls or face-to-face meetings.

Meetings

That AMAC will focus on identified issues, make decisions, and provide needed resolution to the issues. New issues may be added to the agenda as appropriate. The AMAC Coordinator will provide a standard meeting agenda (see Appendix 4). The Coordinator will follow the agenda and will keep unscheduled items/issues to a minimum.

Attendance

The following are expected to attend all AMAC meetings:

- AMAC Coordinator, Chair, and Members
- Joint Information Center representative
- AICC Meteorologist
- Long Term Fire Behavior Analyst or equivalent assigned to AICC
- Protecting Agency Representatives
- Aviation Coordinator

Agenda

Meeting agendas will identify, address and action taken to resolve:

1. Current and emerging issues
2. Member's special interests or concerns
3. Resources allocations
4. WFDSS analysis priorities
5. Political or media queries
6. A plan for implementing AMAC decisions
7. Implementation Status of previous decisions

Forms and Templates

The following AMAC forms and templates are available on CD from the AICC Manager.

- Daily Spreadsheet Matrix
- AMAC Support Activities Schedule
- IC Conference Call Template
- Aviation Conference Call Template
- Team Briefing Schedule Template
- Team and Crew Matrix Template

Decisions

Issues brought before the AMAC will be acted on by consensus. Collaborative decision will be made and tasks assigned.

All AMAC decisions will be documented in writing and filed. The AMAC members will ensure AMAC decision documents are distributed to agency administrators, incident commanders, center managers, fire management officials, the National AMAC, and other involved individuals/entities as necessary.

Each AMAC member is responsible to brief regional and unit Agency Administrators on AMAC decisions and implement those decision to the extent permitted by their agencies regulations and policies.

Documentation

It is the AMAC Coordinator's responsibilities to ensure attendance, issues, priorities, and decisions are recorded. Those records will be permanently maintained and located at AICC by the AICC Manager and available for review.

De-Activation

As the situation moderates and preparedness levels no longer warrant the AMAC's role, a recommendation to de-activate will be made and voted on by all members.

The AMAC Coordinator may remain activated with support personnel as needed to complete necessary documentation and secure records.

NATIONAL MULTI-AGENCY GROUP AND ALASKA MULTI-AGENCY GROUP COORDINATION

The NMAC and AMAC will coordinate and cooperate to provide resources for national deployment by considering innovative management strategies for allocation and reallocation of scarce resources. The NMAC will initiate conference calls with AMAC and other Geographic Area Multi-Agency Coordinating Groups as the situation warrants.

The NMAC gathers information from Geographic Areas to prioritize and allocate resources in accordance with the national strategy. NMAC may request:

- a description of the AMAC decision process in setting priorities
- an assessment of the current and projected situation
- an analysis of whether conditions
- resources required to accomplish priority incident objectives
- justification for assignment of Type 1 IMTs and Area Command Teams.

NMAC documents including the NMAC's Operating Plan and Incident Prioritization Worksheet are available <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/administrative/nmac/index.html>

REVIEW & MODIFICATION OF THE AMAC HANDBOOK

This Operating Handbook will be reviewed annually by the AICC Manager and modified as needed.

APPENDIX 1
Example of a Delegation of Authority to AMAC Members

On Agency Letterhead and Dated

To: *Fire Management Coordinator, Region 7*

From: *Regional Director, Region 7*

Subject: Delegation of Authority for Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group and the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

The purpose of this memorandum is to authorize you and/or your acting the *Regional Fire Management Coordinator* to represent the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* as a functioning member of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group and to authorize you/your acting as the representative of the *Service* to establish protection objectives, develop criteria and set priorities for geographic area incidents and/or area commands in order to meet protection objectives, direct control, allocate and reallocate resources among and between area commands and incident management teams to meet geographic area projects, for wildland fire and fire aviation management incidents and implement the decisions for the allocation of wildland fire and fire aviation management resources as par of the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group. The purpose of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group is to provide an interagency approach to wildland fire management by:

- Providing leadership and coordinated direction to wildland fire and fire aviation management programs;
- Providing a forum for exchange of ideas and development of consistent policies;
- Fostering cooperation, avoiding wasteful duplication, and facilitating maximum efficiency in wildland fire management programs through coordinated planning and utilization of closest forces and shared resources concepts; and
- Establishing and maintaining an interagency approach to wildland fire management and aviation programs by developing full interagency association, and facilitation of a high degree of professionalism, trust, and mutual assistance among wildland fire management agencies, identifying issues, establishing priorities, developing alternatives, and recommending a unified course of action to *Service* agency administrators.

As the *Service* representative to this group, you will ensure that *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service* policies and procedures are maintained, agency administrators are informed of actions, and operational decisions of the groups are implemented.

Decisions of the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group include prioritization of incidents and allocation or re-allocation of resources to meet incident management priorities. Procedures for allocating and re-allocating wildland fire management and fire aviation resources are contained in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

You are authorized to implement the decisions of the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group as they affect *refuges* with the *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Alaska Region*.

The delegation will remain in effect until such time determined by me.

Signature

APPENDIX 2
Sample Letter of Delegation to the AMAC Coordinator

AWFCG Letterhead

To:

From: AWFCG Chair or AICC Manager

Subject: Delegation of Authority for Alaska Multi-Agency Group Coordinator

This memorandum provides official delegated authority to _____ to act and the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (AMAC) Coordinator in the following areas:

- Operate in accordance with the AMAC Operating Handbook.
- Establish protection objectives.
- Develop criteria and set priorities for geographic area incidents and/or Area Commands in order to meet protection objectives.
- Direct, control, allocate and reallocate resources among or between Area Commands and Incident Management Teams to meet Alaska priorities.
- Implement decisions of the AMAC.
- Signature Authority for direction/procedural correspondence as it relates to AMAC decisions

Further, you are responsible for ensuring that agency policies and procedures are maintained, agency administrators are informed of decisions and actions, and operational decisions are implemented.

Signature

Responsible Unit		TAS	DAS	TAD	MSS	TAD	TAD	TAD	SWS	FAS
Incident Name	ITIA L ATT ACK	Eagle Trail 208	Giles Creek 219	Applegate 213	Eklutna 278	Chitanatala 222	Cascaden Ridge 240	Toklat 128	Turquoise Lake 137	Granite Tors 230
IMT Type		IMT2 Allen	IMT2 Paul	IMT3 Crowe	IMT3 Blyenburgh	IMT 3 Dow		IMT 3 Chapman	IMT3 Arkle	
Acreage		13, 242	16,400	14,578	1,296	13,538	14,075	127,176	56,340	9,141
% Contained		15%	5%		0					
Cost-to-Date		\$2.7M	\$600K		\$175.5K	\$75K		\$1.6M	\$78K	
Expected Containment Date		-	-	-	6/5/10	-	-	-	-	-
Priority:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. Life and Property Protect Life (clarifications on evacuations) Towns, Villages, & Communities Inhabited Property (Full-time residence) Clusters of Structures (identified for protection) Significant cultural resources Single Structures (identified for protection) Allotment Areas and resource areas Cultural Sites		800 Residence 65 Commercial Prop. 1,600 Outbuilding Potential Threats 12 hr. AK Hwy Tanacross Tanacross Airport Eagle Subdivision Allotments Timber 24 hr Mansfield Lake Moon Lake Campground 48hr. Fish Lake Area 72hr. Tok	25 Residence 1 Commercial Prop 1 Outbuilding Potential Threats 12 hr. Pogo Mine Powerline 24 hr. Quartz Lake Residences Pogo Mine Powerline 48hrs. Shaw Creek Residence Pogo Mine Powerline	50 Residence 0 Commercial Prop 200 Outbuilding Potential Threats 12 – 72 hrs. Eureka Elliot Hwy structures	UNK Residence UNK Commercial Prop. UNK Outbuilding Potential Threats 72 hr. Multiple private residences	15 Residence 20 outbuilding/other Potential Threats 12 hr. 15 homes 20 outbuildings	13 Residence 15 outbuilding/other Potential Threats 48 hrs Structures in vicinity 72 hrs Structures and Alyeska pipeline	20 residences 10 outbuliding Potential Threats 12 hrs. 2-allotnemnts & 4-structures @ Mucha Lake. 1 primary residence and 3 outbuildings. SSE of fire on Kantishna R. Multi-structures S. of fire . 22 structures W. Twin Lake. 4 @E Twin Lakes 24 - 72hrs. Same as 12 hr	10 Residence 7 Outbuildings Potential Threats 12 hrs: BLM cabin RAWS station, Farewell cabin, Dewy’s cabin Hinke Cabin Bison Camp 24 hr. 4 cabins E of Kuskokwin River 48 hrs. Halford Cabin	No structures threatened Potential Threats None listed.
2. Political, social, cultural, economic		Public safety and traffic delays on Alaska Hwy	Pogo Mine Rd closed in fire area and power to mine is shut off	Public safety on Elliot Hwy	Smoke impacts to Eklutna, Palmer, Anchorage		Public safety on Elliot Hwy		Smoke impacts to communities	
3. Natural resource values and concerns										
4. Confidence in Meeting objectives						Current strategy is meeting mgt objectives		Current strategy is meeting mgt objectives.		

ALASKA INCIDENT PRIORITIZATION SUMMARY SHEET

Date: JUNE 1 DRAFT Time:

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	IA	TAS			DAS			TAD			MSS			TAD			TAD			TAD			SWS			FAS		
		Eagle Trail 208			Giles Creek 219			Appelgate			Eklutna 278			Chitanatala 222			Cascaden Ridge 240			Toklat 128			Turquoise Lake 137			Granite Tors 230		
		IMT2 Allen			IMT2 Paul			IMT3 Crowe																				
Priority:	1	2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10		
Resources :	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	Assigned	Critical Need	When needed	
Crews:																												
Type 1	8	2	12hrs	2			4			1	1	24hrs	1	1	12hrs	2			3				1	24hrs				
Type 2	9	3	12hrs	9			1			4	2	24hrs		3	12				5	2	72							
Helicopter																												
Type 1	1																											
Type 2	2				2	24hrs				2	2	12 hrs		2	12hrs				3	2	24							
Type 3	2			1			1												1									
Engines	12			1	5T3	12 hrs	5			1							5T3	12hrs										
Dozers	9			8	6	12 hrs	1						1															
Water Tenders	4			1			2																					
Overhead	112			55			7			3	STLD	12hrs	29					5	SOF	24hrs	41	RCDM Medic O	12hrs					
Other Resources & Comments		2 CL 215 1 AA	12hrs								AT ASM	12hrs											AT ASM	24hrs				
Total Personnel:	535			252			114			90			49					39			196							
Special Notes																											NO ICS 209for 5/31	

APPENDIX 4
Alaska Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Agenda
Location: AFS Manager's Conference Room
Bridge: 907.356.5830 Room 1

Time	Agenda Topics	
14:00	Introductions Additions to Agenda	AMAC Coordinator
1415	Alaska Situation and Resource Update National Situation and Resource Update	AICC Manager
14:25	IMT2 Incident Updates (when determined necessary) Fire #1 Fire #2	Incident Commanders
1435	Weather Trends	AICC Meteorologist
1445	Fire Behavior Projections Discussion and Decision on Prioritizing Wildland Fire Decision Support Analysis	AICC LTAN Chair
1500	Summary of Statewide Fire Activity, Assessment of Critical Needs and Prioritization Proposal displayed on the Alaska Incident Prioritization Summary worksheet (Appendix 4) or similar document AFS DOF USFS Aviation Operations (if needed) Discussion and Decision on Prioritizations	AFS Chief, Fire operations DOF operations Forester USFS Representative Aviation Coordinator Chair
1530	Current & Emerging Issues to Address JIC Update and Summary of Public & Media Interest Discussion, Decisions with Implementation {Plan and Tasks assigned	AMAC Coordinator JIC Coordinator Chair
1545	Members Forum and Round Robin to express specific agency concerns, issues, and updates on status of implementation of previous decisions and assigned tasks Round Robin AFS/BLM BIA FWS NPS State Of Alaska TCC USFS NMAC Representative	
1600	Discussion: BIN Items & Suggestions for agenda items for next meeting Close out and Schedule next meeting date and time	

APPENDIX 5
National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Expectations

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) reference material is available at <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/administrative/nmac/index.html>

The following list is from the NMAC website and delineates the NMAC's expectations of Geographic Area Multi-Agency Coordinating Group.

- Convenes as situation warrants. Establishes and communicates processes and operating procedures.
- Allocate firefighting resources within the Geographic Area during periods of competition according to established criteria.
- Anticipate and identify future geographic firefighting resource requirements.
- Coordinate and resolve Geographic Area firefighting resource policy issues.
- Support Geographic Area level resource allocation decisions of NMAC.
- Support the integration and utilization of National Incident Management Organizations (NIMO) into fire and non-fire operations.
- Validate drawdown plans considering Geographic Area, and National capability.
- Establish protection objectives.
- Establish the need for additional training.
- Establish reallocation controls when 2 or more Area Commands are assigned and multiple zones are affected.
- Maintains open lines of communication with Zone MACs, Agency Administrators, NMAC.
- Ensure qualified resources are available for response to non-fire incidents under the National Response Plan.
- Assess need for Geographic Area Prevention Team.
- Assess need for Geographic Area Public Information Team.
- Conduct resource allocation reviews and summarize in a Resource Allocation Table.
- Assess policy implementation issues.
- Provide strategic assessment of flow of resources into/out of Geographic Area.
- Provides management oversight, in coordination with the Agency Administrator(s) to Area Command Teams once a team is assigned to the Geographic Area.
- Accountable for exercising direct cost containment measures by ensuring that planned expenditures are sensible and actual expenditures measurably affect intended outcomes.