

CHAPTER 40 - EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Equipment/Supply Mobilization

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide* for examples of equipment and supply resources. Equipment and Supply requests will be processed using ROSS. Refer to the *Alaska Interagency Catalog of Fire Supplies and Equipment* for a list of supply items stocked in the Alaska Incident Support Cache (AKK) and the State Forestry Fire Warehouse (SFK).

Equipment/Supply Demobilization

Equipment and Supply release information must be promptly relayed using ROSS.

National Interagency Support Cache Ordering Procedures

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

NFES Items in Short Supply

Cache Managers will identify shortages of critical equipment and supply items within Alaska and report them to AICC.

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Field Office Replenishment during Fire Season

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Field Office Replenishment Outside of Fire Season

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Incident Replacement of NFES Items

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Local Unit Incident Replacement: Type 3 and Type 4 Incidents

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Incident to Incident Transfer of Equipment and Supplies

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Alaska Incident Support Cache (AKK) Ordering Procedures

The AKK is located on Ft. Wainwright. There are satellite caches in Galena and Fort Yukon.

Supply requests for NIRSC radio systems and kits, AFS radio systems and kits, AFS incident laptop computers, and RAWs will be placed to AICC. AFS zone and USFS dispatch offices will place requests for other cache supply items directly to the AKK, excluding items with paracargo as the desired delivery method. See *Paracargo Delivery of Supplies and Equipment* later in this section for paracargo ordering procedures. All requests must include a BLM cost code.

AKK will arrange vehicles to mobilize or demobilize cache supplies. An equipment “E” request is not required unless the vehicle will be kept at the incident.

DOF Cache Ordering Procedures

The main DOF State Fire warehouse (SFK) is located in Fairbanks. The Palmer Supply Facility (PAK) is located in Palmer.

DOF Area dispatch offices will place supply requests directly to their respective supporting warehouse via a supply resource order. Tok, Delta and Fairbanks Area offices will place orders to the SFK. Kenai/Kodiak, Southwest, Mat-Su and Valdez/Copper River Area offices will place orders to the PAK. Type 1 and Type 2 Incident Management Teams will place requests for cache items directly to the warehouse. The SFK will determine if the order will be filled by SFK or by PAK. Non-cache supply requests (i.e. services, portapotties, etc.) will be placed to SLC.

If the SFK is unable to fill a supply request for a state incident, SLC will place the request to AICC in ROSS, who will forward the request to the AKK. Fire Cache restock orders will flow directly between the AKK and the SFK. (The PAK will re-stock their cache by placing orders to SFK).

Satellite Phone Kit

The Alaska Incident Support Cache and the DOF State Fire Warehouse both stock satellite phone kits.

Infrared Camera Kit

The Alaska Interagency Support Cache stocks three Palm infrared cameras. The DOF has three Palm infrared cameras.

Aerial Sphere Dispenser

The Alaska Interagency Support Cache stocks three Aerial Sphere Dispensers. The DOF has two Aerial Sphere Dispensers; one is located at the State Fire Warehouse and one is located at the Palmer Supply Facility. Additional Aerial Sphere Dispensers may be available from the Alaska Fire Service.

Mobile Cache Support Van Type 2 and Mobile Cache Kit Type 3

The contents of the Mobile Cache Support Vans cache are listed in the *Alaska Interagency Catalog of Fire Supplies and Equipment*.

Mobile Cache Support Vans

DOF	Ty 2	Ty 3
State Fire Warehouse	1	1
Palmer Supply Facility	1	1

Incident Laptop Computers

AFS has laptop computers available for use at incidents only. They are ordered on a supply request through AICC.

National Incident Radio Support Cache (NIRSC)

ICS starter system(s) (NFES #4390) from NIRSC may be prepositioned at AKK. The starter system(s) will be ordered by AICC on a preposition order and reassigned in ROSS when they are assigned to an incident.

Requests for NIRSC radio systems and kits will be placed to AICC through established dispatch channels. To insure proper frequency coordination, the ordering office must include a Needed Date/Time, Latitude and Longitude of the incident, shipping address and receiving incident phone number. For shipping purposes, a physical address which includes a street name and number, city, state, and zip code is required.

Refer to the *National Incident Radio Support Cache User's Guide*.

Radio Mobilization

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Radio Demobilization

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Incident Remote Automatic Weather Stations, (IRAWS) NFES #5869

The Alaska Interagency Support Cache stocks four Remote Automatic Weather Stations. They are ordered on a supply request through AICC.

Refer for additional information to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

National Contract Mobile Food Services and National Contract Mobile Shower Facilities

Alaska has no national contract caterers or showers available. For AFS incidents, catering needs can be met in a variety of ways from fresh food boxes or bulk food purchases and hired cooks to incident-specific catering contracts. DOF has an existing contract cater available for their incidents and will, through procurement, set up incident specific contracts if needed.

Currently, there are vendors that can offer mobile shower units in Alaska. All hires are done on incident-only EERAs for AFS. DOF has established contracts through their On-Line Application System (OLAS).

Engines and Water Tenders

Refer to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations for information on typing.

Alaska Division of Forestry Engines

	Ty 1	Ty 2	Ty 3	Ty 4	Ty 5	Ty 6	Ty 7
Delta Area			2	1		1	3
Fairbanks Area						7	4
Kenai- Kodiak Area						5	4
Mat-Su Area			1	1		5	5
Southwest Area				1			
Tok Area			2		1	1	2
Valdez-Copper River Area				2		2	1

U.S. Forest Service Engines

	Ty 1	Ty 2	Ty 3	Ty 4	Ty 5	Ty 6	Ty 7
Chugach NF						2	
Tongass NF						2	

Water tenders

DOF has water tenders both tactical and support available through cooperators.

Fuel Tenders

The AFS has three 2,500 gallon Jet A fuel tenders and one 2,500 gallon 100LL Avgas fuel tender. Order on an “E” number and include the type of fuel needed in “special needs” in ROSS.

Alaska Emergency Commissary

The Incident Agency is responsible for providing direction regarding availability of commissary and agency-specific requirements regarding commissary items and documentation. Refer to the *Alaska Emergency Firefighter Type 2 Crew Management Guide* for additional information.

Paracargo Delivery of Supplies and Equipment

Refer to the Chapter 50 for information regarding paracargo in support of smokejumper initial attack.

The Alaska Smokejumper Paracargo (PC) program can be utilized to deliver equipment and supplies to incidents throughout Alaska. However, as paracargo delivery is expensive, logistically challenging and requires higher-risk, low-level flight, it should only be used when no other means are practical. Primarily used to support remote incidents with standard fire supplies, PC can be utilized to deliver specialty items such as barrel fuel, boats, 4 wheelers, etc. All orders must go through established ordering channels.

AFS Zone Dispatch offices, SLC and the USFS may place supply and/or equipment requests to AICC requesting paracargo delivery from Ft. Wainwright. All supplies will be filled by the AKK and must be placed through ROSS and utilize AKK specific catalog numbers where necessary.

A paracargo request must include:

- Latitude and Longitude of the drop zone (A large fire may have more than one drop zone. Include the drop zone name/designator and geographic location as applicable.)
- Bearing/distance/VOR
- Air to air contact name and frequency
- Air to ground contact name and frequency
- Delivery priority of items
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For additional information, contact the AICC Aircraft Desk at 907-356-5681.

Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Medic Program

Refer to the *Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Medic Program Policy* and the *Alaska Interagency Catalog of Supplies and Equipment* for more information.

Supply requests for fire medic kits and medical resupply in support of fire medic kits will be placed with the FMP Coordinator.

Fresh Food Boxes

Fresh food boxes should be ordered on a supply request through normal ordering channels. A State of Alaska (DOF) charge code is required to process requests for fresh food boxes. Additional information regarding fresh food boxes can be found in the *Alaska Interagency Catalog of Fire Supplies and Equipment*.