

# **CHAPTER 10**

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### **11 Mission Statement**

The principal mission of the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) is to provide safe, cost effective, and timely response of national and area resources for all aspects of wildland and prescribed fire management activities, and other emergency management activities within Alaska. AICC's coordination effort will also be in cooperation with the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC). This mission shall be accomplished through extensive planning, situation analysis, needs projection, and activation of emergency resources through interagency cooperation.

The Alaska Interagency Mobilization Guide (AIMG) identifies policy and agreements that establish the standard procedures that guide the operations of multi-agency/jurisdictional logistical support activities. The guide is an extension of Agency Manuals, Handbooks, Directives, and Instructional Memorandums relating to logistical support. The guide is intended to promote uniformity of logistical support communications, facilitate interagency dispatch coordination, and ensure that the most timely and cost effective support services are provided. It is designed to accommodate amendments and will be recognized as currently applicable until amended.

#### **11.1 Total Mobility**

Total mobility will be accomplished by the positioning and utilization of resources to meet anticipated and existing incident, preparedness, severity, wildland and prescribed fire needs regardless of geographic location or agency affiliation.

#### **11.2 Priorities**

Priorities will be adjusted to meet specific situations. Standard criteria for establishing priorities are found in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

When competition for wildland fire resources between Alaska agencies occurs, the AICC Center Manager will establish priorities. As needed, the Alaska Multi-Agency Coordination Group (AMAC) may be tasked with establishing priorities. When requested, Zones, Forests, and Areas will establish priorities for their incidents and the assignment of critical resources.

### **12 Scope of Operation**

#### **12.1 General**

##### **12.1.01 National Response Framework (NRF)**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

##### **12.1.02 Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

### **13 Mobilization / Demobilization**

AICC will coordinate the movement of all resources between agency dispatch boundaries not covered by local operating plans or other direction found in this guide. When it is reasonable to expect containment prior to the next operational period, dispatch centers at the local level may coordinate directly if the resources are used for initial attack on adjacent jurisdictions. If it becomes evident the incident will not be contained during the first operational period, resources mobilized will be ordered through established ordering channels.

Units responding to AICC requests are responsible for ensuring the resources dispatched meet the criteria specified in this guide and/or the *National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide* (PMS 310-1). Supplemental fitness requirements beyond those listed in the 310-1 may be specified on the order.

#### **13.1 Work/Rest, Length of Assignment, and Days Off**

Length of assignment for single resources, groups and teams is 14 days, exclusive of travel from and to the home unit. Assignment extension requests for in-state assignments must be approved by the resources' home unit. Extensions to L-48 assignments must be approved in writing by the incident and Alaska GACC using the National Resource extension approval document. Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

#### **13.2 Incident Operations Driving**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

#### **13.3 Initial Attack Definition**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide* and *AIMG* Chapter 20 Section 29.

#### **13.4 Resource Mobilization**

Aircraft, Crew, Equipment, Overhead and Supply (service) resources are requested and mobilized using the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). Supply (non-service), are ordered through normal agency dispatch channels.

Prior to incident mobilization, all resources will be requested by a standard resource categorization and identified with a unique request number through established dispatch ordering channels.

The standard categorization system within Alaska is:

- A = Aircraft
- O = Overhead
- C = Crew
- E = Equipment
- S = Supply

### **13.5 National Resources**

National Resources are those which have national utilization, high demand, limited availability, and unique status reporting requirements. National Resources within Alaska include:

- A. National Interagency Type 1 Incident Management Team (see Chapter 63.1)
- B. National Buying Team (see Chapter 64.1)
- C. Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews (see Chapter 62.1.1)
- D. Smokejumpers (see Chapter 62.4.1)
- E. Smokejumper Aircraft (see Chapter 82.3.1)

### **13.6 Notification of Commitment of National Resources**

Areas, Forests and Zones will obtain concurrence of AICC for the commitment of statewide shared tactical resources within their area via the Teletype (TTY) system.

AICC is responsible to notify NICC of the commitment of National Resources within Alaska. This is accomplished through the Interagency Situation Report.

### **13.7 Unable to Fill (UTF) Procedure**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

### **13.8 Standard Cubes, Weight, and Gear Policy for all Personnel (Excluding Smokejumpers, Rappellers, and Helicopter Managers)**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

### **13.9 Wildland Fire Weather Forecasts**

Refer to Chapter 20 Section 25.2 of this guide.