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Mission Statement
The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC/ACC) is the Geographic Area Coordination Center for Alaska. Its mission is threefold: to serve as the focal point for logistics support, tactical resource coordination, and predictive services for all state and federal agencies involved in wildland fire management in Alaska.

The principal mission of the Logistics Section 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 as authorized by law or a Disaster Declaration within Alaska. AICC furnishes support to the Zone and Area Dispatch Offices when local needs exceed their capacity to respond with local resources. AICC is the point of contact for resource order requests placed with the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) for out-of-state resources to meet Alaska needs and vice versa. This mission is accomplished through extensive planning, situation analysis, needs projection, and activation of emergency resources through interagency cooperation.

The Tactical Resource section is responsible for coordinating and prioritizing the use of smokejumpers, air tankers and air attack. This section hosts the Daily Tactical Meeting and enlists and reconciles tactical resource staffing and prepositioning requests. All requests for tactical resources are placed with and prioritized by Tactical Resources. This section also issues all fire numbers for all fires occurring within the State, and reviews and distributes final fire reports to the respective Land Management Agencies as described in the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan.

The Predictive Services section has two functions: Fire Weather and Intelligence. During the fire season, the Fire Weather meteorologists conduct weather briefings, provide daily fire weather and fire danger products, are the primary point of contact with the National Weather Service, and coordinate the distribution of Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches. Intelligence produces the AICC Situation Report, fulfills national reporting requirements as directed in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide, tracks Alaska Incident Status summaries (ICS209), maintains historical fire records, and manages the Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation list.

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. This 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, to facilitate interagency dispatch coordination, and to ensure that timely and cost effective support services are provided. It is designed to accommodate amendments and will be recognized as currently applicable until amended.

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.
Priorities
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.

Scope of Operation
National Response Framework (NRF)
For ESF#4 operations that occur in the State of Alaska, the operational lead is the Department of Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management.

Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA)
Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

Northwest Compact
The Northwest Compact was created to facilitate assistance in wildland fire pre-suppression and suppression between member agencies. Member agencies include the States of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, as well as the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Compact resource exchanges are not part of the national mobilization process. Point of contact for the State of Alaska is the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, Chief of Fire and Aviation. Compact resource requests are processed through AICC by the State Coordinator.

State Disaster Declarations / Division of Homeland Security (DHS) and Emergency Services (ES)
State employees may respond to any emerging disaster situation under an official Disaster Declaration by the Governor.

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 internally 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 *Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide* (PMS 310-1). Supplemental fitness requirements beyond those listed in the 310-1 may be specified on the order.

Work/Rest, Length of Assignment, and Days Off

Incident Operations Driving
Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*. 
Initial Response Definition
Refer to the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan.

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

- National Interagency Type 1 Incident Management Team (see Chapter 60)
- National Buying Team (see Chapter 60)
- Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews (see Chapter 60)
- Smokejumpers (see Chapter 60)
- Smokejumper Aircraft (see Chapter 80)
- Airtankers
- Type 2 Helicopters
- Aerial Supervision Module (ASM)

Notification of Commitment of National Resources
Areas, Forests and Zones will notify AICC on the commitment of statewide shared tactical resources within their area via the “teletype” (TTY) system. Updates on the availability and location of statewide tactical resources will be posted on the TTY after the Daily Statewide Strategy Meeting each morning at approximately 1100.

Predictive Services notifies NICC daily of the commitment of national resources within Alaska when completing the Interagency Situation Report on the FAMWEB site.

Unable to Fill (UTF) Procedure
A 48 hour “Unable to Fill” (UTF) policy exists nationally. AICC will return requests to the ordering unit when the order is determined to be UTF from AICC and NICC. AICC will not accept or process any request previously UTF’d unless a new request number is assigned. Refer to the National Interagency Mobilization Guide for further guidance regarding UTF orders and NICC procedures.

Standard Cubes, Weight, and Gear Policy for Personnel
Refer to the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.
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Ordering Channels / Cost Coding
All agencies have designated ordering procedures for incident and wildland fire support and services. These established ordering channels provide for: rapid movement of requests, agency review, efficient utilization of resources and cost effectiveness. These communications occur between dispatch centers, AICC and the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC). AICC is the only contact point for resource orders placed outside of Alaska or for resource orders placed from outside of Alaska to agencies within Alaska (with the exception of orders placed or received under the Northwest Compact). The standard national resource ordering system (ROSS) will be used for all resource orders processed through AICC.

Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs)
The ten GACCs act as focal points for internal and external requests not filled at the local level: Refer to the National Interagency Mobilization Guide for a list of all GACCs.

Alaska Coordination and Dispatch Centers
Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, Ft Wainwright
AICC also serves as the Alaska Fire Service Coordination Center for:
BLM AFS Galena Dispatch Office, Galena
BLM AFS Tanana/Upper Yukon/Military Dispatch Office, Ft Wainwright
BLM AFS Anchorage Dispatch Center, Anchorage

Kenai Interagency Dispatch Center, Soldotna
Alaska Division of Forestry Kenai-Kodiak Area Office

USFS Tongass National Forest Dispatch, Ketchikan
USFS Tongass National Forest Dispatch, Sitka
USFS Chugach National Forest Dispatch, Anchorage

State of Alaska State Logistics Center, Fairbanks
Coastal Region
Northern Southeast Area Office, Haines
Mat-Su Area Dispatch Office, Palmer
Southwest Area Dispatch Office, McGrath
Northern Region
Delta Area Dispatch Office, Delta Junction
Fairbanks Area Dispatch Office, Fairbanks
Tok Area Dispatch Office, Tok
Valdez-Copper River Area Dispatch Office, Tazlina

Agency Resource Providers in Alaska
U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
Region 10
Chugach National Forest (CGF)
Tongass National Forest (TNF)
U.S. Department of Interior (USDOI)
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
Alaska Region 1
Placing Requests with AICC

Resource order requests can be submitted to AICC by the AFS, DOF, and USFS when they are unable to meet incident resource needs internally or through other providers within their dispatch jurisdiction. See Chapter 20, **Ordering Procedures** for resource ordering channels in Alaska.

Resource order requests for prescribed fires and all hazard response will follow normal dispatch procedures.

**Ordering Procedures**

Orders as the result of an incident, preparedness, severity, wildland and prescribed fire will be processed using the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). The maintenance of availability status is the responsibility of the individual resource and/or their respective agency. **Diagram 20A** illustrates the general national flow path for orders. **Diagram 20B** illustrates the order flow within Alaska. In both cases, at the point that an order can be filled, reverse the process to insure proper notification back to the incident or initial requester.
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Diagram 20B – Alaska Ordering Channels

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FEDERAL AGENCIES  STATE OF ALASKA

STATE LOGISTICS CENTER

ALASKA INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER

Support to Border Fires
Referring to the National Interagency Mobilization Guide and Chapter 40 of this guide for additional information.

Mobilization & Demobilization
Travel information for resources will be transmitted using the ROSS Travel function. Each travel segment will identify mode of travel, carrier(s) name with flight number(s), departure and arrival locations with estimated departure time and estimated arrival time (ETD/ETA) using the local time and time zone.

Travel arrangements will be facilitated by the dispatch centers. An individual may make their own travel arrangements with concurrence from their dispatch center. Travel information however must be relayed to their dispatch center for entry into ROSS.

Non-Incident Related Ordering
Refer to the Master Cooperative Fire Management Agreement Alaska Statewide Annual Operating Plan for internal movement of agency resources. For out of state non-incident related mobilization out of Alaska refer to the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

Cost Coding
Refer to the Master Cooperative Fire Management Agreement Alaska Statewide Annual Operating Plan for non-specific suppression support codes for AFS and the State. For additional cost coding information for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), National Park Service (NPS), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Forest Service (USFS) refer to the National Interagency Mobilization Guide.

Alaska Division of Forestry (DOF)
State of Alaska wildland fire specific cost coding is divided into activities:

• Preparedness 73XXXXX
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• Suppression 73XXXXXX
• DOF/AFS reimbursable code 73X31XXX
• DOF/AFS reimbursable code 73X32XXX
• State non-incident support 73X33XXX
• Non-Suppression reimbursable projects 73X34XXX
• Canadian/Northwest Compact requests 73X35XXX
• Reimbursable support to USFS 73X37XXX
• Canadian/Northwest Compact support 73X38XXX

Note: “73” denotes the ledger number in the State accounting system; the third digit “X” is the last digit of the calendar year in which the incident occurred. The remaining “X”s are numeric values assigned by the State Office management for Preparedness, or by the DOF Logistics Coordinator for all other categories. Refer to the DOF Alaska Incident Business Management Handbook for a complete explanation of the DOF cost coding.