

# **CHAPTER 40**

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Agreements are not included in their entirety due to document length. The complete documents can be obtained through BLM AFS Manager’s Office or Alaska Division of Forestry Central Office (see Chapter 50 for Directory).

**41 International Agreements**

**41.1 Canada Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.2 Canada Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.3 Australia Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.4 Australia Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.5 New Zealand Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.6 New Zealand Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.7 Mexico Support – Policy**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**41.8 Mexico Support – Operational Guidelines**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

### **41.9 Standard Operating Procedures for Activating Agreements between the Alaska Division of Forestry and Yukon Territory, and BLM, Alaska Fire Service and Canada**

The operating procedures that facilitate and standardize the ordering of resources when activating agreements between Canada’s Yukon Territory, the State of Alaska Division of Forestry, and between Canada and BLM Alaska Fire Service. Each agreement is outlined with specific procedures to be used when initiating that agreement, followed by general information applicable to all agreements.

### **41.10 BLM AFS / Yukon 10 Mile Border Corridor Initial Attack Agreement**

This agreement allows either party to commence initial attack activity on any Wildland fire within 10 miles of either side of the border between the Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

### **41.11 State of Alaska / Yukon Territory Reimbursable Agreement**

An agreement between the State of Alaska and the Yukon Territory to exchange reresources, on a reimbursable basis, at any time when critical fire situation prevent either party from responding with its own resources within critical time frames.

### **41.12 Memorandum of Understanding between the British Columbia Forest Service Prince Rupert Region and the USDA Forest Service Alaska Region**

This MOU establishes an agreement for mutual cooperation between the British Columbia Forest Service (BCFS) and the USDA Forest Service (USFS) in the detection and suppression of forest fires by designating an area along the boundary separating the Province of BC and the Tongass National Forest in the State of Alaska.

## **42 Interagency Agreements**

### **42.1 Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Defense and the Departments of Agriculture and the Interior**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

### **42.2 Interagency Agreement for the Provision of Temporary Support during Wildland Firefighting Operations among the U.S.**

**Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Department of Defense**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.3 Interagency Agreement for Fire Management between the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior and Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.4 Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish & Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Reclamation (Law Enforcement)**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.5 International Emergency Assistance Response Process – Operating Plan for USDA Forest Service**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.6 Bureau of Land Management, Assistant Directorate – Resource Use & Protection, Office of Fire and Aviation Management, International Program**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.7 Interagency Memorandum of Agreement between U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Army – Special Operations Command.**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**42.8 Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan (AIWFMP)**

The purpose of the AIWFMP is to promote a cooperative, consistent, cost-effective, interagency approach to wildland fire management and it is the interagency reference for wildfire operational information. It specifies direction for the response to a wildfire that is based on the management option designation and provides guidelines to jurisdictional and protection agencies for decision support direction as the complexity of a wildfire increases.

**42.9 Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group MOU (2009-2014)**

The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) was formed through consolidation of the Alaska multi-Agency Coordinating group (AK MAC) and the Alaska Interagency Fire Management Council. This Memorandum of Understanding between the member organizations and a companion annual Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) document provide a method for identifying and seeking solutions to specific common fire management and related programs.

**42.10 Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group Standard Operating Plan**

This SOP identifies the specific operating procedures of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG). This SOP supplements the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the signatory parties. The SOP is reviewed annually by the AWFCG.

**42.11 BLM-AFS / Aviation Management Directorate Cooperative Agreement**

Agreement #1422L953LA199-0010 establishes the relationship between the two offices.

**42.12 BLM-AFS / Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Letter of Agreement for Temporary Control Towers**

This Letter of Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Federal Aviation Administration of the Department of Transportation (hereinafter called the “FAA”) will provide temporary airport traffic control tower services in support of Alaska Fire Service (hereinafter called “AFS”) activities and outlines the basis for reimbursing the FAA for such services.

### **42.13 Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement**

This interagency agreement, otherwise known as the “Master Agreement”, was signed in 2010. The agreement has not been modified and is current for 2011. The corresponding Alaska Statewide Annual Operating Plan was signed in 2011 by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources; the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the Fish and Wildlife Service; the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management; and the U.S. Forest Service.

The Master Agreement and Annual Operating Plan define the roles, responsibilities and authorities of the jurisdictional and protecting agencies, contains standard operating procedures relevant to all aspects of wildland fire management within Alaska and responses based on the Stafford Act, and identifies cost allocation criteria and billing procedures. The Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan and the Alaska Interagency Mobilization Guide are components of these agreements and have been incorporated by reference into the Statewide Annual Operating Plan.

The full Master Agreement, including the Statewide Annual Operating Plan, is available at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>.

### **42.14 BLM-AFS / State of Alaska / U.S. Forest Service / National Weather Service Alaska Fire Weather Program Annual Operating Plan**

This agreement between the National Weather Service and the AWFCG describes the roles, responsibilities and operational procedures of NWS, AFS, USFS and DOF personnel in support of the Alaska Fire Weather Program, ensures effective use of NWS fire weather products, and establishes responsibilities of the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Fire Weather Meteorologist position.

### **42.15 Annual Fire Operation Plan between U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service - Region 10 Chugach National Forest and State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, Coastal Region, Kenai/Kodiak Area, Valdez-Copper River Area and Mat-Su**

This plan establishes operational procedures and guidelines for coordination of Wildland fire and related management actions within South Central Alaska.

**42.16 Interagency Agreement Between: Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Alaska National Guard; and Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry**

This plan establishes the procedures for mobilization of Alaska National Guard resources when wWildland firefighting activities with the State of Alaska exceed the capabilities of requesting agency resources.

**42.17 State of Alaska DNR Division of Forestry / FAA MOA (2002)**

**42.18 State of Alaska DNR Division of Forestry / Tongass NF Annual Fire Operation Plan, Coastal Region**

This plan establishes procedures and guidelines for coordination of Wildland wildland fire and related management actions within the Southeast Alaska.

**42.19 Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (Northwest Compact) Cooperative Operating Plan**

This cooperative operating plan is to facilitate assistance in preparedness and wildland fire fighting between the member agencies of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement (known as the NW Compact). This plan does not override or supersede any existing cooperative wildland fire fighting arrangements such as federal/state agreements, Mutual Aid Resource Sharing (MARS), or the Canada/US Reciprocal Forest Fire Fighting Agreement.

**42.20 Interagency Temporary Flight Restriction Notification Protocol - U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Fire Service (AFS) / Alaska Department of Natural Resources / Division of Forestry (DOF) / U. S. Air Force / 11<sup>th</sup> Air Force**

**42.21 Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection between Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Forests; and USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Northern Regions; and the National Park Service, Pacific West, Alaska and Intermountain Regions; and the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington and Idaho State Offices**

This Arrangement provides a framework under which fire management resources may be exchanged to allow for cooperative pre-suppression and wildfire protection along the United States/British Columbia border.

**43 Smokejumper Agreement**

**43.1 Interagency Agreement between DOI BLM and USDA Forest Service and Joint Operation Smokejumper Resources**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**44 Modular Airborne Firefighting System Agreement**

**44.1 Agreement between North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Division of Forest Resources and Forest Service Department of Agriculture**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**44.2 Agreement between California – Department of Forestry, the National Guard, and USDA – Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

**44.3 Collective Agreement between Wyoming State Forestry Division and the Forest Service – United States Department of Agriculture**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.