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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).

### **International Agreements**

#### **National Level International Agreements**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

#### **Standard Operating Procedures for Activating Agreements between the Alaska DOF and Yukon Territory, and BLM AFS 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 DOF, and between Canada and BLM AFS. Each agreement is outlined with specific procedures to be used when initiating that agreement, followed by general information applicable to all agreements.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **Interagency Agreements**

#### **National Level Interagency Agreements**

Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.

#### **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.

#### **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 (AKMAC) 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.

**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.

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

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

**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 (FAA) will provide temporary airport traffic control tower services in support of AFS activities and outlines the basis for reimbursing the FAA for such services.

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

This interagency agreement, otherwise known as the “Master Agreement”, is signed 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 US 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/>.

**BLM AFS / State of Alaska / US Forest Service / National Weather Service Alaska Fire Weather Program Annual Operating Plan**

This agreement between the NWS 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 AICC Fire Weather Meteorologist position.

**Annual Fire Operation Plan between US Department of Agriculture Forest Service - Region 10 Chugach National Forest and State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources DOF, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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15 **Interagency Temporary Flight Restriction Notification Protocol - US DOI BLM AFS /**  
16 **Alaska Department of Natural Resources / DOF / U. S. Air Force / 11th Air Force**

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18 **Northwest Border Arrangement for Fire Protection between Province of British**  
19 **Columbia, Ministry of Forests; and USFS, Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Northern**  
20 **Regions; and the NPS, Pacific West, Alaska and Intermountain Regions; and the BLM,**  
21 **Oregon/Washington and Idaho State Offices**

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

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26 **Smokejumper Agreement**

27 **Interagency Agreement between DOI BLM and USFS and Joint Operation Smokejumper**  
28 **Resources**

29 Refer to the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.