

Alaska Statewide Fire Planning

2025

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2025 Alaska Statewide Planning Updates

- Alaska Master Agreement
- Alaska Statewide Operating Plan
- Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan
 - Fire Management Option Changes
- WFDSS NextGen
 - Spatial Fire Planning Service
- InFORM Highlights
- Other Data Updates

Alaska Master Agreement

- Sustain wildland fire management activities
- Improve efficiency through coordination & exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services, & funds
- Cooperate and support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the implementation of the National Response Framework (NRF)
- Updated on a 5-year cycle (last:2020/next: **2026**) (**1-yr ext.**)
- Signatures at the Regional/State Director/Forester level



Alaska Master Agreement 2025 Key Updates

- 2025 – 1-yr extension to June 2026
- 2026 - New 5-yr Master Agreement
 - Use New NWCG Template
- Exhibit D: Reimbursable Billings & Payments
 - New \$500 minimum billing (per incident)
 - Updated cross-billing timeline – Estimates 7/1 & 11/1
 - Indirect cost rate increased from 10% to 15%

Alaska Statewide Operating Plan

- Formerly known as the Annual Operating Plan or AOP
- Still updated annually in Alaska
- Provides operational detail for the Master Agreement
- Signatures at the State/Regional FMO level



Alaska Statewide Operating Plan 2025 Key Updates (1 of 3)

- Rollout of new fire programs/systems
- DOF Health & Wellness Program
- US Air Force/USFWS program
- New fire types require notifications & Final Fire Reports
- Final Fire Report Notifications

Alaska Statewide Operating Plan 2025 Key Updates (2 of 3)

- Required WFDSS Decisions
 - Wildfires
 - Escaped RX declared wildfires
 - Foreign Incidents
- Decision Support Center
- Final Cost Estimate WFDSS Approval Thresholds ≠
Current Cost Notification Thresholds

Alaska Statewide Operating Plan 2025 Key Updates (3 of 3)

- Incident-Specific Cost Share Agreements
- Rate cap up to \$500K
- Joint Projects/Supplemental Project Agreements
- University of Alaska Lands = DNR Jurisdiction
- Statewide Fire Planners Email

Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan

- Promotes a cooperative, consistent, cost-effective, interagency approach to wildland fire management
- Interagency reference for wildland fire operational information
- Serves as a Statewide Initial Response Plan
- 5-year major update signatures at the Regional/State Director/Forester level (last:2021/next: **2027**) (**1-yr ext.**)
- Annual review signature by AWFCG Chair (April 15?)



Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan 2025 Key Updates - ***DRAFT***

- 3.5.1 Agency Programs (RX & Fuel Treatments)
- 3.12 Structure, Vehicle, and Landfill Fires
- 3.13.3 Special Management Areas (SMAs)
- 4.2.3 Interagency Fall Fire Review
- 4.7 Climate Change
- Appendix C – Fire Notifications Checklist
- *See AIWFMP Review Signature Page for a complete list of 2025 changes*

Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan

2025 Fire Management Option Changes



#1) Steese NCA +

• Jurisdictional:

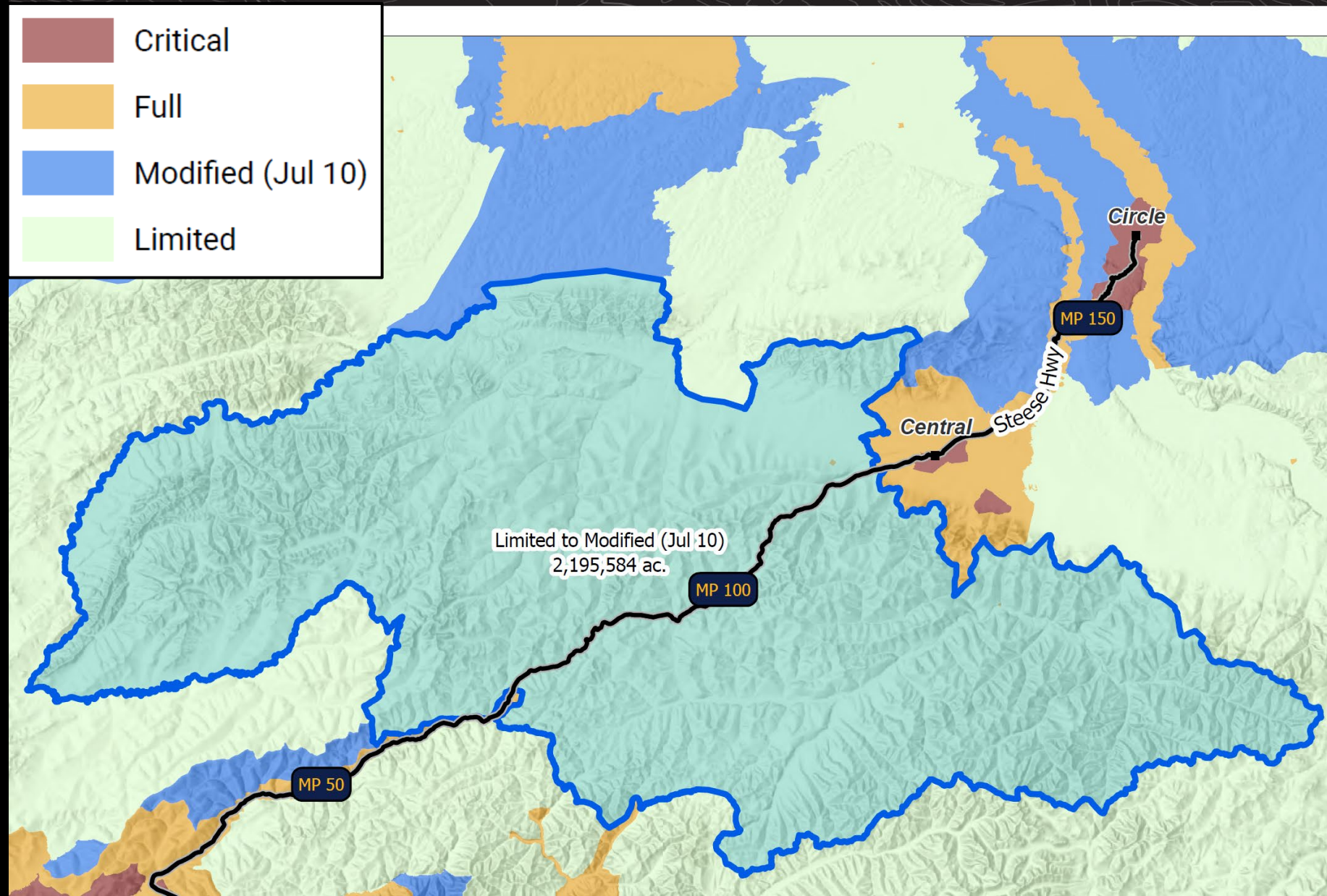
- BLM*
- DNR
- FWS
- BIA

• Protecting:

- AFS UYD
- DOF FAS (N. Region)

Steese Area Option Change: Overview

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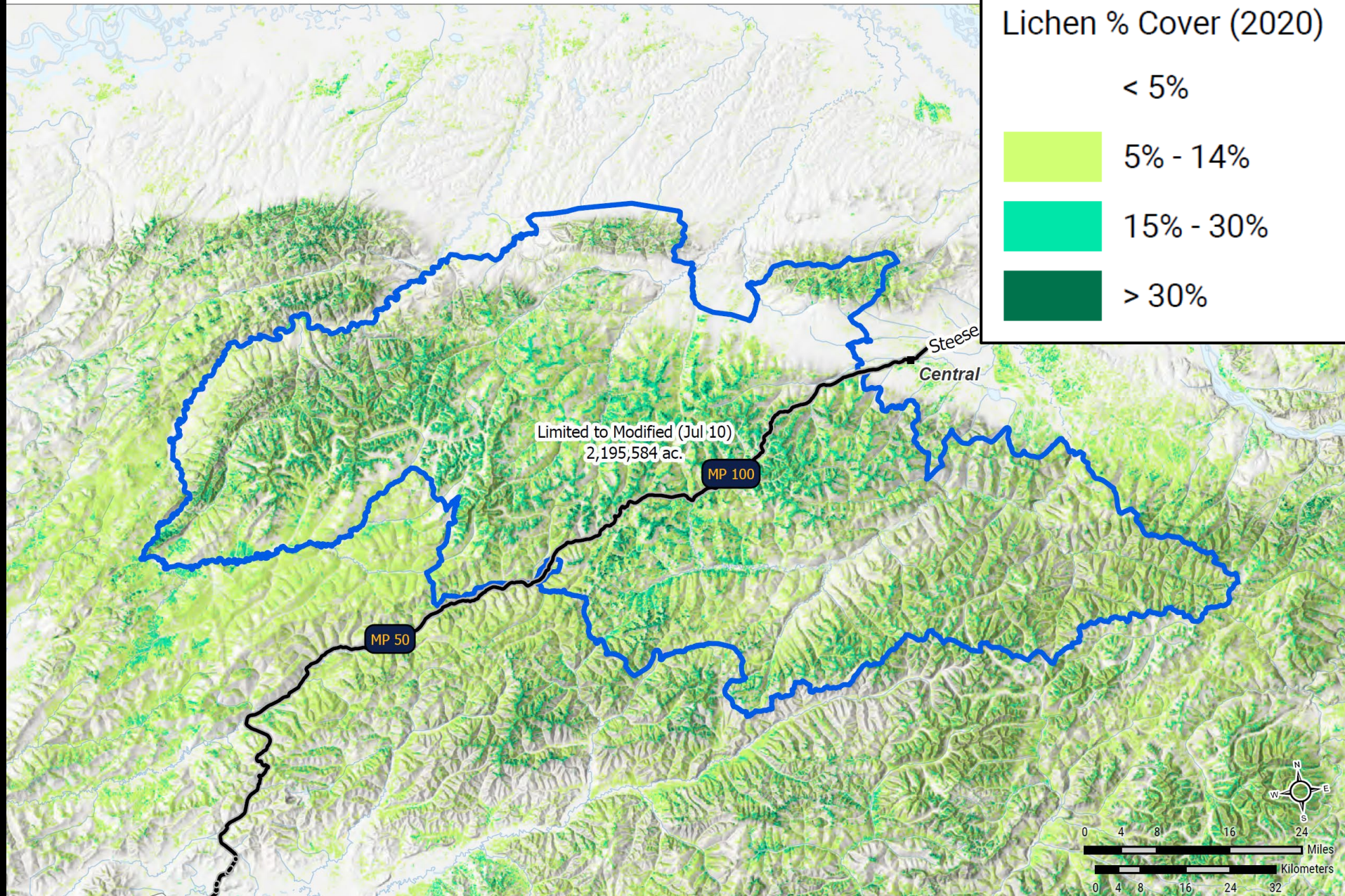
Steese Area Option Change: Lichen Cover

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#1) Steese NCA +

- Lichen Cover



#2) Port Graham & Nanwalek - Proposed

- Jurisdictional:
 - Port Graham & English Bay ANCSA Corps
 - BIA
 - Tribal
 - (Chugachmuit)*
- Protecting:
 - DOF KKS



Full to Critical = 911 acres

#3) Afognak Island – Danger Bay Camp *Proposed*

- Jurisdictional:
 - Afognak Native Corp*
 - Ouzinkie Native Corp
(ANCSA Village Corps)
- Protecting:
 - DOF KKS

Full to Critical = 245 ac

 = FULL
 = CRITICAL



Option Change	Acres
Full to Critical	1,156
Limited to Modified (Jul 10)	2,195,584

2025 Option Change Summary

2,196,740

total change acres

(2024 ~ 354,000
acres)

Alaska Wildland Fire Decision Support System

2025 Updates



Decision Support Assistance – 2025 Alaska WFDSS Geographic Area Editors (GAEs)

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BLM	McCartney, Wendy	wmccartney@blm.gov	406-3661856	
BLM	Perrine, Nathan	nperrine@blm.gov	907-356-5673	
NPS	Barnes, Jennifer	jennifer_barnes@nps.gov	907-455-0652	907-244-9073
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Alaska Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) Updates...NextGen going live next week!

- WFDSS in 2025:
 - Sign in through FAMAuth with PIV Card or Login.gov
 - Several NextGen “environments”
 - Role request process and “Self Certify” for Approvers
 - Finding Incidents and setting up “collaborators”
 - Some systems won’t be functional this year (multiple approvers, STFB and NTFB models, etc.).
 - Next-Gen Release March 26th

Alaska Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) Updates - Continued

- Alaska Fire Behavior Analysis Request Process
- Alaska WFDSS Guide – Will need a full re-write with NextGen.
- Alaska GIS data now will all be housed in Spatial Fire Planning Service
- AA/FMO WFDSS Refresher
 - Interagency AA Refresher (RD&A) - March 11th (Recorded)
 - **Tentative AK Refresher – May 7th (9:00 am -12:00 pm)**

WFDSS NextGen...New look & feel

The screenshot displays the WFDSS NextGen web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following elements: a logo on the left, followed by navigation links for "My Home", "Incidents" (highlighted in blue), "Reports", and "User Support". On the right side of the navigation bar, there are status indicators: "AK PL: 1 | National PL: 2", a notification bell icon, and a user profile icon.

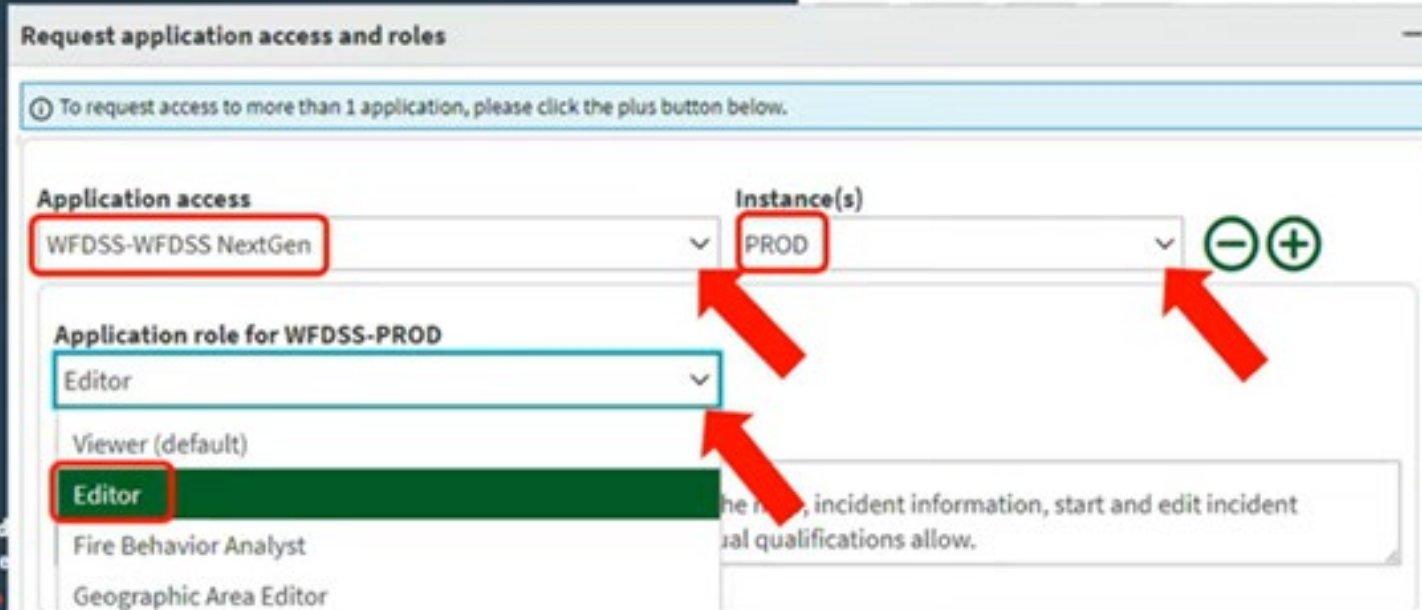
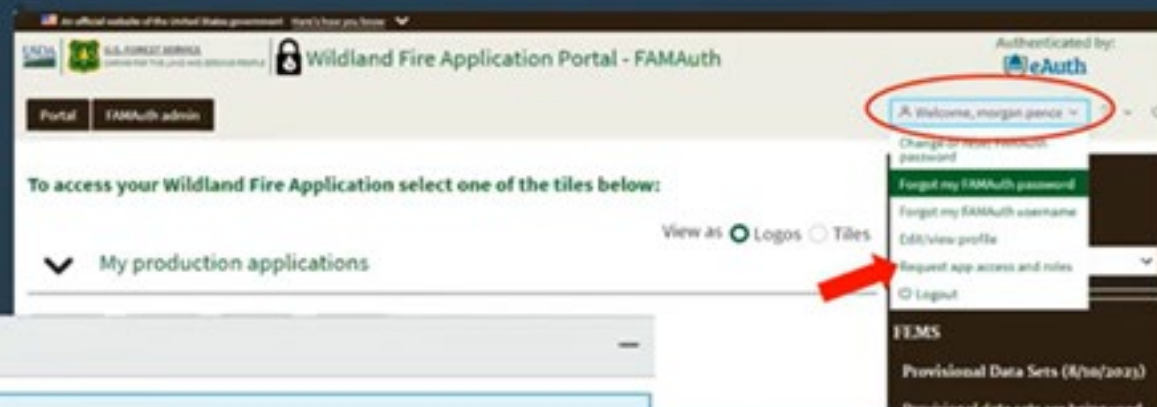
The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Layer List (Left):** A sidebar containing a list of map layers. The "Spatial Fire Planning" section is expanded, and its sub-items are circled in purple:
 - Sub-Unit Overlapping Shape
 - Sub-Unit Non-Overlapping Shape
 - Unit Boundary
 - Multi-Unit Shape
 - Other Unit Shapes
 - Elevation (Dynamic)
- Map (Center):** A topographic map showing the "MUSEUM CREEK" area. Key features include "Warm Springs", "Deschutes River", "Yemah Creek", "Dry Creek", "Tee Wees Butte", and "Agency Plain". A red location marker is placed at "MUSEUM CREEK".
- Incident Details Panel (Right):** A panel titled "MUSEUM CREEK - NWCC" with a "Details" tab selected. The "Details" tab is circled in purple. The panel contains the following information:
 - Incident Name:** MUSEUM CREEK
 - Discovery Date/Time:** 11/14/2024, 16:51 UTC
 - Incident Size (acres):** 0.01 acres
 - FS Job Code:**
 - Fire Code:** SCX3
 - Unique Fire ID:** 2024-ORWSA-000126
 - IRWIN ID:** eb13246b-7b9f-47da-8b62-c1b360ec05d7
 - Cause:**
 - Dispatch Center:** [ORWSC - Warm Springs Agency Dispatch Center](#)
 - GACC:** [NWCC - Northwest Area Coordination Center](#)
 - Lat:** 44° 45.734'
 - Long:** -121° 15.151'
 - Protecting Unit at Origin:** ORWSA - Warm Springs Agency
 - Jurisdictional Unit at Origin:** [ORWSA - Warm Springs Agency](#)
 - Landowner Category:** BIA
 - Collaborating Agency(s):** None Added
 - POC:**
 - Contained Date/Time:**
 - Controlled Date/Time:**
 - Out Date/Time:**At the bottom of the panel are three buttons: "ZOOM TO", "DECISION", and "CLOSE".

WFDSS NextGen...Rollout Plan

NextGen Rollout Plan- Roles

- How to request a different role

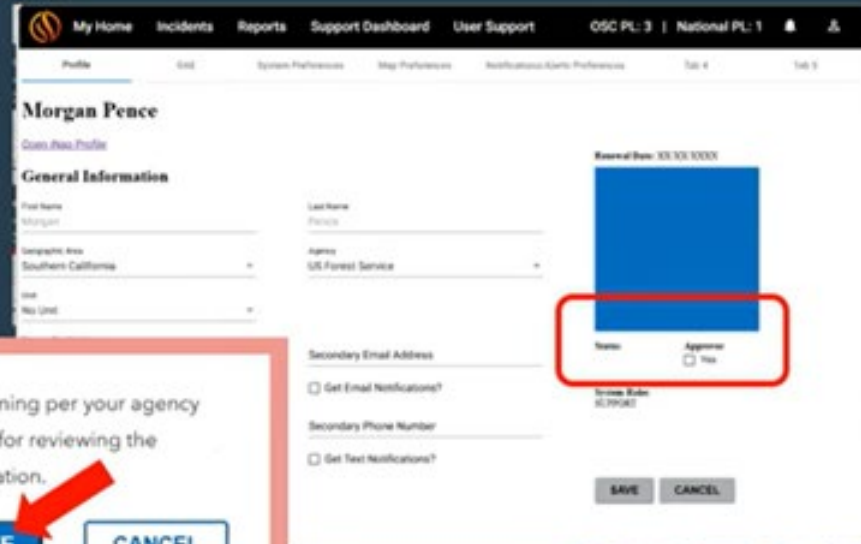
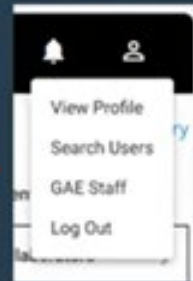


WFDSS NextGen...Rollout Plan

Major Changes between Classic and NG

What AA's need to know that has changed

- Self certification for approver status



By checking this box, you certify that you have completed the proper training per your agency policy to act as an Agency Administrator. In WFDSS, you are responsible for reviewing the Decision, writing the Rationale, and approving a Decision prior to publication.

AGREE

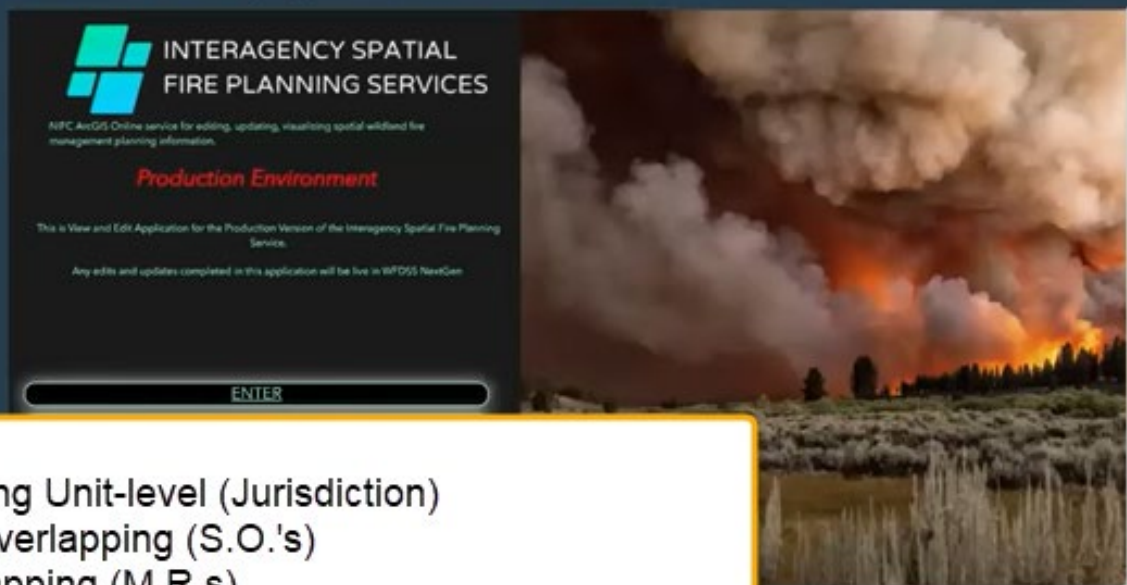
CANCEL

Spatial Fire Planning Service

Spatial Fire Planning - Wes

Your Units LRMP and Policies AND how they get into WFDSS for use in Decisions

- Interagency
- Data from WFDSS Classic Migrated to SFPS
- Service expanded to include multi-unit shapes and language guidance



Shape types:

- 1) Non-Overlapping Unit-level (Jurisdiction)
- 2) Sub Unit Non-overlapping (S.O.'s)
- 3) Sub Unit Overlapping (M.R.s)
- 4) Non-overlapping Multi-Unit *. (AK Fire Management Options)

NextGen WFDSS – Take Home for AA's & FMO's

- Ensure you understand login process and how to set up your profile
- Self Certification for Decision Approvers (AA's)
- Finding Incidents is now spatially driven
- Add incidents you will be working to your “incident watchlist”
- Only 1 Approver / decision this year...Others will be “Collaborators”
- M.A.P.'s are no more...Use of Spatially grounded COA/Sub Unit Shapes will be used to address what M.A.P.'s have traditionally been used for.
- Work with AK GAE's/Planners if you have questions... And anticipate some bumps this year!

InFORM Highlights

- 1) 2025 InFORM Refresher (Certifiers, Editors/Dispatchers, Reviews, etc.)
 - Option 1: Thursday, **May 1 (1300-1430)**
 - Option 2 (Repeat): Friday, **May 9 (1100-1230)**
- 2) **New** – Fire Management Option
- 3) AK standardized required fields for non-WFs
- 4) Merge Function – AK will **NOT** use for 2025

Other Data Updates

- 1) New NWCG Fire Type: Foreign Incident - GF (late 2024)
- 2) Unit IDs complete for all Tribes and ANCSA Corps
- 3) AKWFJ to be in new national Jurisdictional Units layer (DMP) for 2025
- 4) Reminder = RX fires require ACRES (ASOP, AISRM, AK Sit Report)

Problems with AKWFJ/AKSD/SMA/Option Changes??

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