

Delegation of Authority

Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Doyon, Limited

Beginning Monday July 1, 2024, at 0700 AKDT, management of the Grapefruit Complex is delegated to Incident Commander Peter Butteri, on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and State of Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection. Under operational direction of the Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service, Tanana and Upper Yukon Zones, you are responsible for adhering to the objectives, requirements, and courses of action as established in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) published decision and the objectives in this delegation.

Objectives:

- Provide for safety of firefighters and the public.
- Use the Risk Management Process and evaluate all actions prior to engagement.
- Provide protection for values immediately or potentially affected by the following fires. 115(Fossil), 192(Noodor), 248(Slate), 249(Iver), 253(Globe), 292(Tatalina), 306 (Eagle), 308 (Wilber).
- Evaluate strategic options of utilizing direct and indirect and point protection suppression tactics combined with natural and manmade barriers to protect values.
- Provide nightly updates on all fires assigned within the complex to UYT Dispatch.
- Document site assessments and suppression efforts per site value and update the known sites database with collected information.
- Provide accurate and timely information to the local communities, all involved agencies, and cooperators.
- Review the decision in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) for further guidance from agencies involved.
- Keep Agency Administrators apprised of current situation and cost estimates.
- Prepare documentation package according to interagency standards.
- Maintain relationships with residents, cooperators, and the public.
- Keep the public informed on the current situation.
- Utilize resource advisors as necessary for equipment use during suppression actions and repair.
- Collaborate with any agency provided representatives or liaisons for planning and suppression efforts.
- Provide documentation of any effects from fire or fire suppression to native allotments.
- Coordinate with the Fairbanks District Public Affairs Officer on matters of communication related to management of public use facilities in the Dalton Highway Corridor.
- Coordinate with cooperators to maintain travel along the Elliott Highway thoroughfare only when it is safe for the public.
- Coordinate the development of a suppression repair plan with the jurisdictional agencies.
- Any new fire starts within the planning area will be negotiated and mutually agreed upon prior to the team assuming them. Additionally, the Zones may ask for IA assistance from resources assigned to the Grapefruit Complex.

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