

Appendix F. KNOWN SITES UPDATE PROCEDURES

The Known Sites Database (KSD) identifies infrastructure, and cultural and natural resource sites throughout Alaska that may be threatened by wildfire. The dataset provides locations, descriptions, and jurisdictions, as well as direction regarding site protection priorities. The data are made available to fire managers through a password protected website in order to support wildland fire planning and decision-making. There are two primary sources of site information included in the KSD:

- Jurisdictional Agency inventory and assessments may be directly submitted to AFS GIS at BLM_AK_AFS_GIS@blm.gov for immediate incorporation into the KSD.
- Data collected by IMTs will be submitted to the local dispatch office for the incident along with the final fire package. The dispatch office will then provide that information to AFS GIS and the appropriate Jurisdictional Agency(ies) through the known sites clearinghouse. Data in the clearinghouse are preliminary, and subject to approval by Jurisdictional Agency administrative units on which sites reside.
 - Preliminary datasets will not be incorporated into the KSD until they have been verified by the Jurisdictional Agency.
 - Preliminary datasets will be viewable on the ArcIMS known sites map. The KSD will be updated by April 1.

Each time the dataset is updated, and upon request, AFS GIS will provide metadata, summarizing changes, to all entities (Protecting and Jurisdictional Agencies' FMOs as well as pertinent Native partners). The metadata will contain a list of Global Unique Identifiers with the action taken on the site (i.e., added, deleted, changed geographically, and changed attributes).

Username and passwords to access the KSD can be requested through AFS GIS at BLM_AK_AFS_GIS@blm.gov.

In 2017 Known Sites data structure and update processes are undergoing a revision. AWFCG will be notified as changes are implemented.

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