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## Memorandum

To: Type 4, and Type 5 Incident Commanders

From: State Director, Alaska State Office

Subject: Type 4, and Type 5 Incident Commander Delegation of Authority

I am hereby delegating you authority to act on my behalf for the management of wildland fire incidents on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Alaska. I am also delegating you authority to act on my behalf for the management of wildland fire incidents where the BLM is authorized by 620 DM 5 to provide wildland fire response.

This delegation of authority carries with it the full responsibility for management of fires with Type 4, or Type 5 complexity ratings within your qualification level. All activities in the management of these fires must be accomplished within the framework of agency policy and direction, approved fire management plans, or mutually agreed upon standards established by the respective land managers or owners, as provided for in the Agency Fire Management Officer or Agency Administrator briefing. You will report directly to the respective Suppression Agency Duty Officer or Fire Management Officer.

The following expectations and responsibilities will help you in that task:

- Firefighter and public safety is your highest priority on every fire.
- Ensure that all individuals assigned to or in proximity of the fireline are correctly using all appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Communicate with dispatch, the Duty Officer, and or Agency Administrator on incident status.
- Develop and implement appropriate strategies and tactics for the incident in accordance with direction in the Fire Management Plan or from the Duty Officer and or Agency Administrator.
- Consider suppression costs commensurate with the values at risk.
- Brief all personnel and document the briefing(s).
- Maintain command and control of the incident.
- Monitor effectiveness of the planned strategy and tactics.

- Disengage suppression activities immediately if strategies and tactics cannot be implemented safely.
- Implement the Risk Management Process as outlined in the Incident Response Pocket Guide.
- Inform all personnel on the incident and the respective Dispatch Office of any transfer or change of Incident Commander.
- Ensure that work rest guidelines and length of assignment policies are followed.
- Provide input for the preparation and daily review of a Wildland Fire Decision Support System decision when an incident extends beyond initial attack.