

Management Option Change Initiator:

This proposed management option change is located west of the Delta river near Delta Junction, On the northern boundary of Donnelly Training Area - West (DTA-West), South of the Delta Creek Forest Road (AKA the Joslyn Highway) and extending west past the Little Delta River along a ridge line south of the Tanana River, ending south of the Tanana Flats Training Area. Currently the area is a mix of full and modified suppression options. The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, (Divisions of Forestry and Mining, Land and Water), The Bureau of Land Management (Fairbanks District Office and Alaska Fires Service) and Army land managers agree that this area should change to a limited management option.

As a result of historic land use by the military, training assets have been found on the landscape during fire suppression operations. Fire protection agencies including the Alaska Division of Forestry and the Bureau of Land Management would like to mitigate fire fighter risk and be in favor of making this change to a limited management option.

There would be occasions where a non-standard response is necessary but placing fire fighters on the ground would not be an automatic response. There are some authorized structures within the area that we are proposing to change to a limited management option. Point protection on structures within the change area would still be a reasonable response depending on the legal status of the structures.

In cooperation with the BLM, the AK DOF is proposing to install a 300 foot wide fuel break along the Delta West and Delta Creek forest roads so firefighters can use indirect suppression tactics to manage wild fires in this area. Additionally, shaded fuel breaks are proposed near the South Bank and Richardson Clear Water communities north of the proposed change

Appendix E. FIRE MANAGEMENT OPTION CHANGE APPROVAL FORM

Send completed change package to:

Assistant Manager, Business and Technology Management Branch
BLM-Alaska Fire Service
P.O. Box 35005
Ft. Wainwright, AK 99703
BLM_AK_AFS_GIS@blm.gov

Management Option Change Initiator: Change Description and Rationale - Describe changes geographically and jurisdictionally. Explain the rationale for the change (use additional sheets if necessary). Specify the conversion date for any changes to Modified:

See Attached

Changes initiated by:

Agency BLM Administrative Unit Fairbanks/Arctic District Office
Name Tom St.Clair Title Fire Management Specialist
Email tstclair@blm.gov Phone Number 907.474.2226

Attachments:

GIS Spatial Data files including basic metadata (zipped geodatabase or shapefile):

Option Change Display Maps (pdf format): Delta River West Proposed Management Option Change

Other:

GIS/ map product prepared by:

Name Jeremy Douse Title Fairbanks-Delta Area Forester
Email jeremy.douse@alaska.gov Phone Number 907.451.2601

Jurisdictional Agency Administrator(s)

The following land manager(s)/owner(s) have approved these fire management option change(s) for the lands that they manage/own.

Agency DNR / DMLW Administrative Unit Northern Regional Land Office

Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Name Jeanne Preuix

Jeanne Preuix
Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Signature

12/6/19
Date

Agency DNR / DUF Administrative Unit Tanana Valley State Forest

Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Name Paul A. Keech

Paul A. Keech
Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Signature

12/6/19
Date

Agency BLM Administrative Unit Eastern Interior FO

Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Name John Haddix

John Haddix
Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Signature

12/10/19
Date

Agency USAG AK Administrative Unit DES / FWED

Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Name Charles E. Gibbs

C. Gibbs
Agency Administrator or Land Manager/Owner Signature

12/16/19
Date

Protecting FMO

Transaction Number _____ Descriptive Name: Della River West

The following steps have been completed:

- The submitted fire management option boundary or management level change(s) are operationally feasible.
- The required notifications have been completed.
- The required signatures have been obtained.
- GIS data and pdf map products are included with this approval sheet.

Protecting Agency State of Alaska Zone / Area / Forest Fairbanks Area
Division of Forestry

Protecting Agency FMO Name Ecl Sanford

E. Sanford
Protecting Agency FMO Signature

11/6/19
Date

AFS Business and Technology Management Branch

The Fire Management Option changes identified and approved above have been made to the official Digital Atlas, the AICC Paper Atlas, and within WFDSS; and the change package has been archived.

Digital Atlas Updated By: _____ Date: _____

AICC Paper Atlas Updated/ Change Archived By: _____ Date: _____

WFDSS Update Submitted By: _____ Date: _____

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Protecting Agency AK DOF Zone / Area / Forest Delta Junction

Protecting Agency FMO Name Michael P. Goyette



Protecting Agency FMO Signature

12-9-19
Date

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Protecting Agency BLM/AFS Zone / Area / Forest Military Zone

Protecting Agency FMO Name Mr. Justin Ray


Protecting Agency FMO Signature

12/13/19
Date

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