

Alaska WFDSS Fire Behavior Analyses: Process for Requesting and Assigning Analysts

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The following procedures describe the process Alaska fire managers should use to request a WFDSS fire behavior analysis. Fire managers should follow these procedures to request an analysis in lieu of submitting a fire behavior request within the WFDSS system.

Alaska analyst contact information, by agency, can be found in Table 1. WFDSS analysts will typically work remotely from their duty stations. However, if needed, some may travel to the incident or other location (AICC) to assist with multiple fires.

Options for requesting an analysis:

1. Protecting or Jurisdictional Agency fire managers can directly contact an analyst who is familiar with their area. The analyst will then contact the primary analyst coordinator, Doug Alexander, to inform him that the assignment has been accepted (doug_alexander@fws.gov; 907-786-3497 [office], 907-602-3601 [cell]). If Doug is not available, AICC serves as the secondary analyst coordinator (907-356-5680).

OR

2. Protecting or Jurisdictional Agency fire managers can request an analyst through the primary analyst coordinator, Doug Alexander (doug_alexander@fws.gov; 907-786-3497 [office], 907-602-3601 [cell]). If Doug is not available, AICC serves as the secondary analyst coordinator (907-356-5680). The analyst coordinator will go through the list of Alaska analysts in Table 1. Once an assignment is accepted, the analyst will contact the requestor for additional information about the fire. A form detailing information useful for WFDSS analyses is available at: <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/aaguide.php> under E. WFDSS, 01. WFDSS Analysis Requests.

Table 1. Alaska WFDSS analysts by agency

Agency	Name	Email	Cell Phone
AK Fire Science Consortium	Robert Ziel	rhziel@alaska.edu	906-869-3355
BLM-AFS	Chris Moore	chmoore@blm.gov	406-640-0602
BLM-AFS	Chris Friar	cfriar@blm.gov	907-388-2715
BLM	Tom St. Clair	tstclair@blm.gov	907-978-0104
FWS	Lisa Saperstein	lisa_saperstein@fws.gov	907-952-1413
NPS	Jennifer Barnes	jennifer_barnes@nps.gov	907-244-9073
NPS	Brian Sorbel	brian_sorbel@nps.gov	907-244-9054
USFS	Rick Stratton	rdstratton@fs.fed.us	406-546-3546
BLM-AFS	Casey Boespflug*	cboespflug@blm.gov	907-482-0055
FWS	Kristi Bullock*	kristi_bullock@fws.gov	907-252-9845
FWS	Peter Butteri*	peter_butteri@fws.gov	907-350-4782
FWS	Ben Pratt*	benjamin_pratt@fws.gov	907-322-3345
USFS	Bobette Rowe*	bsrowe@fs.fed.us	907-205-1150

*Mentee analyst

If none of the Alaska analysts in Table 1 are available, the analyst coordinator will refer the analysis request to the Wildland Fire Management Research, Development and Application group (WFM RD&A): (208) 473-8107.

If the assigned analyst needs to be on a resource order, the Protecting Agency for the unit requesting the analysis will submit the request in to ROSS through their Zone/Area/Forest dispatch center. The 2018 Alaska Statewide Annual Operating Plan provides the following guidance for virtual incident assignments:

Employees performing virtual (off-site i.e. Fire Behavior Analyst) incident assignments will be ordered through the standard dispatch ordering system. A charge code will be provided on the resource order. In the event that the employee is ordered to support multiple incidents or to work with a decision support center supporting multiple incidents, the employee will be provided multiple incident charge codes or a fire support code by the ordering unit or incident supervisor. See NWCG Memo #13-2011 (<http://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/memos/eb-m-11-013.pdf>).