

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 analysts 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, Chris Moore, to inform him that the assignment has been accepted (chmoore@blm.gov; 907-356-5673 [office], 907-482-0161 [cell]). If Chris 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, Chris Moore (chmoore@blm.gov; 907-356-5673 [office], 907-482-0161 [cell]). If Chris 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 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
BIA	Chris Friar	christopher.friar@bia.gov	907-456-0291
BIA	Tom St. Clair	thomas.stclair@bia.gov	907-209-0105
FWS	Lisa Saperstein	lisa_saperstein@fws.gov	907-952-1413
NPS	Jennifer Barnes	jennifer_barnes@nps.gov	907-244-9073
BLM-AFS	Eric Miller	eamiller@blm.gov	907-978-2890
NPS	Brian Sorbel	brian_sorbel@nps.gov	907-244-9054
USFS	Bobette Rowe	bobette.rowe@usda.gov	907-205-1150
BLM-AFS	Casey Boespflug*	cboespflug@blm.gov	907-482-0055
FWS	Peter Butteri*	peter_butteri@fws.gov	907-350-4782
FWS	Nate Perrine*	nathan_perrine@fws.gov	417-230-5116
FWS	Dale Woitas*	dale_woitas@fws.gov	605-440-1250
BLM-AFS	Graham Worley-Hood*	gworleyhood@blm.gov	708-308-9728

*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 into ROSS through their Zone/Area/Forest dispatch center. The 2020 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. If 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](#).