

**Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group
FUELS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
CHARTER**

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Fuels Management Committee (FMC) is to provide a forum for statewide coordination to enhance collaboration, efficiencies, and alignment of hazardous fuels and vegetation management projects, prescribed burning activities and community assistance efforts. These programs have a high degree of interagency coordination opportunities. The FMC will provide a focal point and conduit for the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group's (AWFCG) participating agencies and collaborators in these opportunities. The FMC will assemble fuels, fire and resource specialists to inform AWFCG member agencies of areas of commonality and provide recommendations to enhance strategic consideration of statewide efforts in these programs.

II. Authority

The FMC is established under the authority of the AWFCG: Memorandum of Understanding Section V.

III. Membership

- A. Core FMC membership will consist of one representative from each of the following AWFCG agencies.

- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Alaska Department of Natural Resources
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Tanana Chiefs Conference
- National Park Service
- Chugachmiut
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game

- B. Core FMC members should possess knowledge of fuels, prescribed fire, community assistance and similar programs of the agency represented. If an agency does not have a member on this committee, it will be the responsibility of that agency's AWFCG member to be the point of contact when appropriate to support the committee.
- C. Members from other AWFCG committees or other agency resource specialists may be invited to coordinate projects, proposals or provide expertise where there is an overlap in functions.
- D. Other external agencies, organizations or institutions may be contacted to consult, advise or coordinate with the FMC.

IV. Functions

- A. Consider agency specific hazardous fuels, vegetation management, prescribed fire and community assistance programs for relevant coordination and collaborative opportunities.
- B. Develop collective opportunities to help prioritize or identify areas of interest.

- C. Identify and coordinate fuels management focus areas based on a collaborative landscape-level and risk-based approach.
- D. Review and consider appropriate inputs to Alaska fire management documents and meetings to reflect fuels, prescribed fire, and community assistance components.
- E. Provide expertise, guidance and recommendations related to technical requirements and feasibility of fuels, prescribed fire, and community assistance projects.
- F. Recommend, coordinate, and facilitate interagency agreements with respect to agency specific guidelines to accomplish shared goals.
- G. Foster communication at the local level regarding national and regional priorities, implementation, and accomplishments.
- H. Coordinate with the Wildland Fire Education and Prevention Committee to identify and emphasize collaborative intersections on activities such as Firewise programs or Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

V. Organization and Structure

- A. The officers of the FMC include a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair serve for a term of one year in each capacity, one year as vice chair and one year as chair. Transfer of Vice-Chair to Chair and member to Vice-Chair occurs at the beginning of the calendar year. Interim vacancies will cause the rotation of the Chair and Vice-Chair to move accordingly. The rotation for the Chair and Vice-Chair is:

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- B. Task groups may be developed to address specific technical issues that can be resolved within a short-term and finite time frame. Task group products and recommendations will be reviewed by the FMC for further action including recommendations to AWFCG.

VI. Meetings and Reports

- A. Meetings will occur as often as necessary with a minimum of two per year. The Chair is responsible for scheduling and facilitating.
- B. The FMC will keep meeting notes. The Chair will assure the cataloging and storage of meeting notes and relevant decisions, products or reports and submit final notes to the AWFCG liaison.
- C. The FMC Chair will report out as necessary at the Alaska Interagency Spring Operations meeting and the Alaska Interagency Fall Fire Review.
- D. The FMC Liaison will report routine information back and forth between the FMC and the AWFCG and facilitate detailed reports or in person attendance at AWFCG meetings from individuals associated with the FMC when needed.
- E.

