

AMAC Group Conference Call Agenda		
Date: July 18, 2019	Time: 1330	AICC Rep: Tom Evans
AMAC Coordinator: David Curry	Note Taker: Tim Mowry	
ROLL CALL		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM AFS – Kent Slaughter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division of Forestry – Tim Dabney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA – Jacqueline Martin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS – Doug Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chugachmiut – Charlie Sink (Nathan)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS – Bobette Rowe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS – Chuck Russel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AICC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC – Shane McDonald
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AGENDA ITEMS		Notes / Information
<p>National Update: NMAC Liaison (Shane)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAC group did not meet today but he stopped at NICC this morning and people were talking about how slow things have been in L48. They were comparing it to 1993.</li> </ul>		
<p>Weather Update: AICC Met (Heidi Strader)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temps have cooled around much of the state except Upper Yukon, Southcentral and Copper Basin. Cooler, damper weather is expected this weekend but then ridge is forecast to build back in and bring warmer, drier conditions. Question is how strong will the ridge be and how long will it last? At this point, there is no consistent, high-pressure ridge for a long-term drying, warming trend. It will get warmer and drier but not as intense as two weeks ago. Challenge will be deep layers. Need a lot of rain to bring BUIs down.</li> </ul>		
<p>Fuels Update: AICC Analyst (Chris Moore)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuels and Fire Advisory was updated yesterday. There has been a downtick in overall BUI but not in Upper Yukon. Previous record BUI in Chalkyitsik was 254 on July 4 in 2005 and today it is expected to hit 284. It will take 3 inches of rain to knock that down below 280. In addition, despite the drop in BUI around the state, there is still potential in a lot of areas around the state, i.e. Fire #616 south of Ruby got 1 ¼ inches of rain and it is still proving very resistant to control.</li> </ul>		
<p>AICC Update: AICC Rep (Tom Evans)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fire #616 (see above) has four Fire Bosses and a load of smokejumpers working it and another load of smokejumpers is enroute.</li> <li>16 smokejumpers available in Fbx and 7 in McGrath</li> <li>Load of 10 smokejumper boosters should arrive in Fbx tonight</li> </ul>		
<p>NMAC Safety (Terry)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No reportable accidents or injuries yesterday.</li> <li>Cuts and lacerations from pulaskis are the most common injury and heat related illnesses (HRI) are more prevalent this year than past years. All fires have had safety messages addressing both pulaski use and HRI.</li> <li>Roving safety team visited Shovel Creek and things are going well.</li> <li>There have been 3 reports of inadequate caterers and Terry is checking the catering contract to see if it could be more thorough so caterers get up to speed quicker. It's taking 3-4 days for caterers to get up to speed.</li> <li>Having issues with buying team not wanting to buy hydration supplements for HRI on Chalkyitsik Complex, i.e. Nuun. Shipping Gatorade out to remote fires is not cheap and it</li> </ul>		

would be a lot easier and cheaper to attach powder supplements to the side of cubies. Terry will close loop with buying teams.

Summary of Statewide Activities by Protecting Agency:  
Including critical needs, IMT Updates

#1 PRIORITY IS ALWAYS INITIAL ATTACK

AFS/DOF/FS (Key Updates)

1. #466 Chalkyitsik Complex  
JTACS on site and DRTI mission scheduled to start at 1600 to coincide with burning ops.  
Burnout could encompass 15,000 acres and gusty winds up to 20 mph could produce extreme fire behavior.
2. #319 Shovel Creek  
No changes from IC call  
Community meeting at 1800 tonight at Ken Kunkel Community Center.
3. #181 Swan Lake  
Confirmed on DOF prepo call that Gannett Glacier T2IA crew will fill order for T1 crew
4. #508 Kobe  
Getting DRTI bird flight scheduled.  
No other changes
5. #485 Grouse Creek  
1 mile from allotment with a structure, 4 miles from village of Rampart  
Working with JTACs to fly Kobe, Hess Creek and Shovel Creek fires
6. #337 Hadweenzic/#493 Tony Slough  
Transitioned at 0800  
Hadweenzic - 1 mile from nearest allotment with a structure; burning out around VAR on eastern side this afternoon and looking for air support.  
Tony Slough – structure protection has been put in place for allotments and burnouts are planned around allotments. Fire is one-half mile from closest structure and 4 miles from Bible Camp  
More than likely will assign NIMO team from Boundary River to manage the Hadweenzic, Tony Slough and Chandalar fires. Team will likely be located in Beaver.
7. #409 Rainbow 2  
Trying to update map today
8. #490 Kolmakof Hills  
Continuing to plumb with pumps and hose line; repositioning helo for medivac needs
9. #349 Chandalar River  
1 ¼ miles from closest allotment  
Prepping to burn 4 ½ miles of indirect line around allotments today

10. #487 McCally Creek  
No changes from IC call

11. #534 Smith Creek  
Burned out around Donlin Gold Mine last night and burn ops went well; there was concern about slop overs so Canadian tankers and Bird Dog were prepositioned in McGrath today, which makes two scoopers in Palmer unusable because they don't have aerial supervision

12. #324 Hess Creek  
Rain over fire yesterday but expecting increase in fire behavior with warming and drying trend the next few days.

NOTE: Tanana Zone has picked up new fire in Full protection south of Tanana and that could lead to a Tanana Complex if it's not caught.

Incident Prioritization: Operations - IA / New and Emerging

	<b>PRIORITY LIST</b>	<b>PENDING ACTION</b>	<b>FIRES OF INTEREST</b>
1	466 Chalkyitsik Complex (T2)	323 Nugget	305 Wilderness
2	319 Shovel Creek (T2)	212 Marr	316 Little Mud Creek
3	181 Swan Lake (T2)	317 Snowshoe Creek	436 Tulsona Creek
4	508 Kobe (T3)	351 Page Mountain	250 Sunshine Mountain
5	485 Grouse Creek (T3)	457 Pete Andrew's Creek	391 NinetyEight Creek
6	337 Hadweenzic / 493 Tony Slough	456 3 Castle	217 Yukon Charley / 392 Biederman Bluff
7	409 Rainbow 2 (T3)	218 North River	451 Malaspina / 429 Montana Creek (T4)
8	#490 Kolmakof Hills	262 Black River	
9	#349 Chandalar River	390 Beaver	
10	#487 McCally Creek	174 Old Grouch Top/#352 Hurst Creek	
11	#534 Smith Creek		
12	#324 Hess Creek		
13	#312 Bergman Creek		
14	#461 Klutina River		
15	#551 Boulder Creek		
16	#464 Hidden Creek		
17	#362 Boundary River/#133 McArthur Creek		
18	#361 Lloyd Mountain		
19	#389 Foraker		
20	#474 Tundra Lake		

Resource Allocation/Long Term Planning: Operations

IMTs / Crews / SMJ / Aviation

IMTs:

NIMO team will be assigned to fires around Beaver, most likely a Saturday mobilization and will take entire team of 20 because there is room to fit them in Beaver.

Chalkyitsik Complex IMT needs replacement on 7/23 and they are working on putting together a T2 Alaska IMT roster, hope to have it done by end of day. If they can't roster a team we will order from L48

Crews:

All orders are currently filled

2-3 crews coming available from Anchorage jet load on Saturday and they only have 2-3 days left

Chenas (T1) and North Stars (T2) will be available on Saturday

UAF (T2) crew available on Friday

White Mt. (T2IA) is available Friday but the plan is for them to go back to Kobe unless there are higher priority fires

Big drop coming up on July 25-27 when 20 crews will be timing out over three-day period, as get closer to that time can re-evaluate the needs, need to check on July 22

Losing 5 crews tomorrow

Don't have capacity to put more crews in Upper Yukon; can't put anybody else in Chalkyitsik or Ft.

Yukon. Burned up another 3,500 gallons of fuel in Ft. Yukon today and it's hard to keep up with demand. Maybe can fit some crews in Beaver and Rampart?

Crew availability is still good in L48

Smokejumpers:

Order for 10 boosters was filled and they will arrive tonight

Short on jumpers today but getting 2 loads of Galena today and one more tomorrow

Getting one load out of Tanana today and one load out of Upper Yukon tomorrow

Might consider another booster load if we get a lot more IA

Aviation:

In holding pattern with resources we have and will prioritize what we have in the pool after 21 days

Round Robin by Agency:

BLM / DOF / BIA / FWS / Chugachmiut / USFS / NPS

BLM AFS – nothing to report

DOF – nothing to report

BIA – Good discussion regarding allotments and ANSCA lands in Chalkyitsik planning meeting

USFWS – nothing to report

Chugachmiut – nothing to report

USFS – nothing to report

NPS – Got call from Supt. of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve regarding carbon credit issue. New fire is 2 miles away from Ahtna land and he thought it was rolled in with carbon credits but turns out it wasn't. It required lots of phone calls and Chuck Russell wants process to go smoother next time and wants to learn more about carbon credits. He will talk to SME Charlie Sink of Chugachmiut.

NMAC – nothing to report

**BIN Items / Other Topics:**

Preparedness level will remain at 5.

IMT preposition language - There was discussion about developing language to address the prepositioning of IMTs and their size. AMAC chair Doug Alexander drafted language using the National Mobilization Guide and circulated it to AMAC members for review. The intent is to control the number of people prepositioned IMTs bring with them, specifically trainees. It was agreed that the order will delineate whether it is a short team or a long team and the default will be for a short team., unless otherwise negotiated. In terms of who pays for it, the federal agencies will bring up the first team and then it will alternate between state and federal. A GACC support code will be use to pay for prepositioned teams. Doug Alexander will write up a final version and sent it to AICC.

**Decision(s):**

AWFCG made decision on conversion date from modified to limited. Effective at midnight tonight (July 18) modified lands will be treated as limited with caveat that land managers and suppression agencies will likely be using non-standard responses in some cases. We already using non-standard responses on modified fires due to lack of resources.

**Bonus Round: None**

**Is there a need of an Executive Session? Negative**

**Next call/Meeting: Friday, July 19 at 1330**