

AMAC Group Conference Call Agenda		
Date: July 25, 2019	Time: 1330	AICC Rep: Stephanie Childs
AMAC Coordinator: Dave 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 – Jacquelyn 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 type="checkbox"/> AICC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC – Shane McDonald
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AGENDA ITEMS		Notes / Information
<p>National Update: NMAC Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quite a bit of IA happening in Lower 48 with good success catching fires • Northwest went to PL2 today • Even with increased activity there are still plenty of resources available 		
<p>Weather Update: AICC Met</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area of concern remains Upper Yukon Zone where fuels are very receptive • Lots of lightning in Upper Yukon yesterday and expecting more of the same today; thunderstorms will likely be wet but fuels are dry • Possible ridge setting up over state on Sunday and Monday; would dry fuels • Southwest flow could move into state next week; won't be long term but could mean 36 hours of rain. It's a typical weather pattern in late July and brings cooler, wetter weather 		
<p>Fuels Update: AICC Analyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWI clearly shows potential in Upper Yukon Zone – they picked up new lightning starts yesterday and are already getting some today. • There are a lot of parts of the state that are moderating but there are still lots of areas with potential for ignitions, i.e. northwest 		
<p>AICC Update: AICC Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting new lightning fires in Upper Yukon; jumped #681 and #682 • Scoopers enroute to #681 • Order for another jet load of 5 crews (Jet #20) was placed and is pending in Eastern Area 		
<p>NMAC Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good participation on safety call – only 3 minor green injuries yesterday • Today is 11th anniversary of Dutch Creek incident in which Andy Palmer was killed by falling tree. Had good discussion on safety call and sent out email to line safety officers to use it as a reminder about the danger of snags • Travis Dotson of Lessons Learned Center will be taking over for Terry on Saturday 		
<p>Summary of Statewide Activities by Protecting Agency: Including critical needs, IMT Updates</p> <p>#1 Priority is ALWAYS INITIAL ATTACK</p> <p>AFS/DOF/FS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. #499 Chalkyitsik Complex Nothing new to report 		

2. #899 Cornucopia Complex
Trying to get Union Hotshot crew out to make NICC jet tomorrow but not looking good judging from looking at smoke on FAA cam
3. #485 Grouse Creek
DRTI ship flying fire today
Fire is continuing to push toward Dalton Hwy and has likely crossed Hess and Troublesome creeks; engines have been ordered to stage on highway
4. #181 Swan Lake
Trying to get two modules off fire to sent to Rainbow 2
5. #319 Shovel Creek
No change
6. #409 Rainbow 2
If they get a crew or the two modules they should be able to pull in two IA squads
7. #534 Smith Creek, #490 Kolmakof Hills and #487 McCally Creek
Didn't get as much precip as forecast
8. #324 Hess Creek
Trying to keep fire north of Elliott Highway and with Grouse Creek moving toward Dalton Hwy just to the north it will mean an increased presence on the road, which translates to public safety and smoke concerns along the road. We have fought fire along this road corridor many times in the past.
9. #508 Kobe
No change
10. #606 Chetaslina and #484 Long
Continuing to get precip; will likely go to monitor status soon

Incident Prioritization: Operations

1. IA / New and Emerging

	PRIORITY LIST	PENDING ACTION	FIRES OF INTEREST
1	#466 Chalkyitsik Complex (T2)	323 Nugget	305 Wilderness
2	#899 Cornucopia Complex (NIMO)	212 Marr	316 Little Mud River
3	#485 Grouse Creek (T3)	317 Snowshoe Creek	436 Tulsona Creek
4	#181 Swan Lake (T2)	351 Page Mountain	250 Sunshine Mountain
5	#319 Shovel Creek (T2)	457 Pete Andrew's Creek	217 Yukon Charley / 392 Biederman Bluff
6	#409 Rainbow 2 (T3)	456 Three Castle	390 Beaver
7	#534 Smith Creek (T4)	218 North River	611 Tokaina 2

8	#490 Kolmakoff Hills (T4)	262 Black River	664 Rainy Pass		
9	#487 McCally Creek (T4)	174 Old Grouch Top/#352 Hurst Creek			
10	#324 Hess Creek (T3)	662 Lost Jack Lake			
11	#508 Kobe (T3)				
12	#606 Chetaslina/#484 Long (T3)				
13	#535 Mauneluk River (T4)				
14	#551 Boulder Creek (T4)				
15	#464 Hidden Creek				
16	#616 Little Creek				
17	#312 Bergman Creek (T3)				
18	#361 Lloyd Mountain (T4)				
19	#389 Foraker				
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Resource Allocation/Long Term Planning: Operations

IMTs / Crews / SMJ / Aviation

IMT's:

- Grouse Creek (#485) T3 IMT submitted extension paperwork to AICC and was signed yesterday. They will be staying 21 days and are hoping that will get them to T4 incident
- Need to follow up on extension for Swan Lake (#181) IMT to get confirmation from Eastern Area that it was approved

Crews:

- Jet load #20 is pending
- Few more crew orders came in this morning so it will be no problem finding work for incoming crews; there are 7 crew orders pending right now
- When AFS crews time out they will be getting 4 days off instead of 2 before returning to work to keep them well rested for rest of the season and work in L48.

Smokejumpers

- 92 committed, 28 available statewide as of this morning. Numbers are going down but still have 120 in the state.
- 13 sitting in Fbx right now and a jump ship is picking up some jumpers in Ft. Yukon today.
- Trying to get 39 smokejumpers off fires today if weather cooperates.
- Will likely see more initial attack today with lightning in forecast

Aviation

- Have adequate aircraft in pool to meet requests
- Will be down to 3 UAS platforms on Saturday and might start getting requests for UAS managers from L48.
- Saskatchewan tanker group will be released at EOS today and return to Canada tomorrow

- Discussion on whether to release CWN aircraft when they time out. AFS doesn't really have a need for heavy tankers, especially with 8 Fire Bosses and 2 CLI-415s in state and things are starting to wind down on DOF side. Consensus was to release CWNs if we don't need them.
- Lot of T2 and T3 helo getting ready to time out – what do we want to do with them, put them in the pool or release them? Consensus was to keep a couple in the pool but don't want a large number sitting around. Looks like things are trending downward but how quickly?
- DOF is doing contract extensions on exclusive-use helos; have already extended four ships
- CWNs will be the first aircraft released.

Round Robin by Agency:

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

BLM AFS – nothing to report

DOF

- Paul Keech will be sitting in for Tim Dabney tomorrow (Friday) and Ed Soto will sit in starting on Saturday.

BIA – nothing to report

USFWS – nothing to report

Chugachmiut – nothing to report

USFS

- Visited Swan Lake Fire and sat in on plans and cooperator meeting. IMT said having an Alaska liaison proved to be of great value and helped IMTs succeed.
- Conversation about conversion date and what that means in Alaska. Fire personnel in Alaska know what that means but people from L48 don't and suggestion was made to do a better job of informing folks from the Lower 48 what that means and how it might affect them.
- With decline in fire potential in Chugach and Tongass, the Chugach NF pulled its fire restrictions on the Kenai Peninsula.

NPS

- Rescinding fire restrictions in Kenai Fjords National Park
- Met with superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve and he expressed concern about carbon credits issue and Ahtna Native Corp. Ahtna has 500,000 acres of land under carbon credits plan and agencies need to figure out how that relates to letting fire play its natural ecological role on the landscape. Needs to be a discussion between BLM AFS, DOF and USFS.

NMAC – nothing to report

BIN Items / Other Topics:

- PL Level – After serious discussion and a 4-3 vote, decision was made to move from PL5 to PL4 effective at 1800 on July 25, 2019.

Decision(s): AICC will be moving from PL5 to PL4 effective at 1800 on July 25, 2019

Bonus Round: None
Is there a need of an Executive Session? No
Next call/Meeting: Friday, July 26, 2019 @1330