

AMAC Group Conference Call Agenda		
Date: July 27, 2019	Time: 1330	AICC Rep: Stephanie Childs
AMAC Coordinator: Julie Polutnik	Note Taker: Tim Mowry	
ROLL CALL		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM AFS – Kent Slaughter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division of Forestry – Ed Soto	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA – Bob Jones
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS – Doug Alexander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chugachmiut – Nathan Lojweski	<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: Shane McDonald, NMAC Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke with NICC about Alaska’s concern about crew orders, i.e. what types of crews are being sent to Alaska and where they are being sent from. It’s a slippery slope when talking about types of crews and where they are from because that’s not how the system works. Might consider putting special needs on orders in the future. Status quo in L48 for fire activity, keeping up with initial attack and fuels still aren’t real receptive 		
<p>Weather Update: Eric Stevens, AICC Met</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low pressure moving west to east from Russia won’t bring as much precip as had hoped so no season-ending event in sight A high pressure ridge is expected to start building once the low pressure passes through and will bring, warmer, drier weather; not sure for how long 		
<p>Fuels Update: Chris Moore, AICC Analyst</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder that last year there was a low pressure system forecast and we sent a bunch of crews south only to have high pressure build in again for two weeks. In a lull for fire activity right now after much of the state has received precip but the precip hasn’t really affected the deeper layers, only the FFMCS. There is plenty of dry deeper fuels but nothing to carry fire on the surface. There is plenty of time for BUIs to rebound and for fires to grow but the burn window is shrinking daily. In Upper Yukon Zone, there is a 50% chance that by Aug. 17 the BUI will drop below 80 and a 75% chance it will drop below 80 by Sept. 8, according to statistical analysis 		
<p>AICC Update: Stephanie Childs, AICC Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Light activity so far today – one new fire (#690) and air attack is enroute to #687 Waiting on last order of crews to get finalized; good chance it will be filled by South Ops 		
<p>NMAC Safety: Travis Dotson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No accidents or injuries reported Filled order for line safety officer Hess Creek did good incident within an incident drill and Travis will write it up and send it to other safety officers, as well as AMAC members 		
<p>Summary of Statewide Activities by Protecting Agency: Including critical needs, IMT Updates</p> <p>#1 Priority is ALWAYS INITIAL ATTACK!</p>		

AFS/DOF/FS

1. #466 Chalkyitsik Complex
Nothing new to report
2. #899 Cornucopia Complex
Nothing new to report
3. #485 Grouse Creek
DRTI flight scheduled today
Team times out in a few days and Tanana Zone is trying to assemble an Alaska T3 organization to take over fire
Task force of engines from Palmer was stood down; the team was under the impression you could drive to Rampart and they were going to use the engines there. If fire approaches Dalton Hwy they may put order in for engines to stage on the road.
4. #181 Swan Lake
Short T2 team is in place and should transition to T2 team by mid-week
5. #319 Shovel Creek
Doing suppression repair
6. #409 Rainbow 2
No new resources requested
7. #324 Hess Creek
Improved air today so doing a recon by helicopter
DRTI flight scheduled today

Incident Prioritization: Operations

1. IA / New and Emerging
PRIORITY LIST
 1. #466 Chalkyitsik Complex (T2)
 2. #899 Cornucopia Complex (NIMO)
 3. #485 Grouse Creek (T3)
 4. #181 Swan Lake (T2)
 5. #319 Shovel Creek (T3)
 6. #409 Rainbow 2 (T3)
 7. #324 Hess Creek

Resource Allocation/Long Term Planning: Operations

IMTs / Crews / SMJ / Aviation

IMT's:

- Grouse Creek (#485) T3 team times out in a few days and Tanana Zone is trying to assemble an Alaska T3 organization to take over fire.

Crews:

- Jet load of 5 crews coming in today and another one on Monday.

Smokejumpers:

- 120 currently in the state; 70 committed; 30 available and the rest are on days off.
- Numbers are good even with the attrition we're having.
- Don't anticipate a lot of new starts with this weather but there may be lightning holdovers.

Aviation:

- Meeting all requests with aircraft we have.
- Paring down aircraft numbers.
- Losing one T3 helo and three T2 helos, all of which are on-call state contracts.
- AFS is releasing Tanker 10 tomorrow

Round Robin by Agency:

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

BLM AFS – Cornucopia Complex is having a strategic planning meeting with agency administrators; some of the AAs are wanting to downsize.

DOF – nothing to report

BIA – Wondered what lessons were learned last year when released crews to L48 and high pressure built back in Alaska. Response was that it wasn't a big deal and state still had sufficient staff to handle activity that cropped up.

USFWS – nothing to report

Chugachmiut – nothing to report

USFS – Wondered if T3 team taking over Swan Lake Fire is an Alaska team or L48 team? It will be an Alaska team.

NPS – Story about all-women BLM crew that's on the Hadweenzic Fire was picked up nationally and has generated some good press.

BIN Items / Other Topics: None

Decision(s): None

Bonus Round: None

Is there a need of an Executive Session? No

Next call/Meeting: July 28, 2019 @ 1330