

AMAC Group Conference Call Agenda		
Date: August 20, 2019	Time: 1330	AICC Rep: Hilary Shook
AMAC Coordinator:	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 – Ed Morgan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS – Doug Alexander	<input type="checkbox"/> Chugachmiut –	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS – Bobette Rowe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPS – Chuck Russell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AICC – Hilary Shook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC – Shane McDonald
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AGENDA ITEMS		Notes / Information
<p><b>Weather Update: Heidi Strader, AICC Met</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still no significant chance of precip in Southcentral any time soon. Forecast grids call for a chance of rain showers on Friday but they will probably be light, if they do occur. Early next week is the earliest any significant precip is in the forecast.</li> <li>• There is potential for wind late tomorrow night and Thursday. Easterly winds will be funneling through the mountains and could impact the Kenia Peninsula, Anchorage and the eastern Matanuska Valley. Forecast calls for sustained winds of 12-15 mph and gusts to 20 mph. There could also be similar east winds on Friday in the Susitna Valley.</li> <li>• RH is moderating and east flow typically brings in higher moisture.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Fuels Update: Chris Moore, AICC Analyst</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record high BUIs recorded at Willow RAWs on the McKinley Fire. Duff layers are extremely dry, causing fire-weakened trees, green trees and power poles to fall over. Hardwoods are actively burning. Mop up on fires in Southcentral will be extensive, given the dry conditions.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Summary of Statewide Activities by Protecting Agency:</b></p> <p><b>Alaska Fire Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No activity. Still have a few pumps to retrieve from Upper Yukon Zone.</li> </ul> <p><b>Division of Forestry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four new IA fires, including 100-plus-acre Caribou Lake Fire near Homer. Ran scoopers and retardant on that fire most of the day Monday and deployed one load of smokejumpers.</li> <li>• Priority is still selective initial attack.</li> <li>• <b>#738 McKinley</b> 4,349 acres, 170 personnel according to 209 but it's probably closer to 270. Fire growth has slowed. 1,028 residences still threatened and those are structures valued at \$10,000 or more. Structure loss is now estimated at 80 but we're trying to get a better count. Stretched pretty thin resource wise and trying to get more boots on the ground. Parks Hwy and AK Railroad are still impacted. Alaska State Troopers are assisting with traffic control and pilot cars are leading traffic from Mile 71 to 99. Alaska National Guard are helping with road checkpoints and access points to evacuation area for security. Needs – aerial support and more crews</li> <li>• <b>#181 Swan Lake</b></li> </ul>		

Trying to get more resources – two T1 crews slated for them went to Caribou Lake and North Fork fires.

Looking at burnout along Sterling Hwy where fire crossed hwy on east and west ends to eliminate fire activity along road.

Heavy smoke.

Orders for 7 outstanding crews.

Competition for caterer with McKinley Fire but think we can make it work.

- **#736 Deshka Landing**

1,800 acres, 3 miles long, 15% contained.

Retardant drops on west side of fire yesterday; going direct on east side closest to Long Lake Rd.

Structure protection on Red Shirt Lake - 46 residences/cabins threatened on lake.

\$31,500 so far but probably higher.

Lots of beetle kill and snags.

3 crews arriving today.

- **#754 Caribou Lake**

100+ acres.

6 miles east of East End Road.

Redmond IHC getting to fire today.

- **#751 North Fork**

North of Homer.

Dozer line all way around and plumbing dozer line.

Zig Zag hot shots on it.

- **#752 Levelock**

5,000 acres.

Load of jumpers on it.

Burned across dozer line last night.

Ordered a T1 crew but looking to get SW Area T2 crews on it because it would be easier logistic-wise and it's a tundra fire.

No feedback today.

- All fires are resistant to control because of dry conditions.
- Getting boots on ground is important but it's a challenge because we're remobilizing at the end of fire season and are short on resources..
- Looking at challenging next 2-3 days and should be looking good after that.

#### **USFS**

- No emerging incidents.
- Minimal IA on Chugach NF.
- Still fire potential on northern portion of Panhandle.
- Looking at eastern portion of Swan Lake Fire north of Sterling Hwy for structure and point protection.

## **Incident Prioritization: Operations**

### **PRIORITY LIST**

1. #738 McKinley
2. #181 Swan Lake
3. #736 Deshka Landing
4. #754 Caribou Lake
5. #751 North Fork
6. #752 Levelock

## **Resource Allocation/Long Term Planning: Operations**

### **AFS**

2 loads of smokejumper boosters that DOF ordered should be in today and available tomorrow.  
J17 still not back up and running.  
J12 enroute but won't get here until tomorrow.  
4 smokejumpers in Fairbanks and 2 in Palmer for IT but plan is to prepo all 6 in Kenai with a jump ship.  
Still 1 helicopter on for IA.  
Providing support to incidents.  
3 T2 crews available and state has 4.

### **DOF**

Aviation support is key; ordered air space coordinator/frequency coordinator and Gary Rose will fill that role.  
35E will be AA for McKinley Fire and will be stationed out of Talkeetna.  
Limited ramp space in Palmer.  
1TB AA with Zane Brown as trainee; assigned to Swan Lake Fire but available to Kenai Area.  
3ASM and 1 AA; trying to get 2ME as air attack for McKinley Fire.  
Tanker 52 brought back on contract and should arrive today.  
Ordered 4 CL-215Ts from Alberta through NW Compact; should get her today and will keep them assigned to Swan Lake Fire and park them in Kenai.  
Fire Bosses are in Kenai and air tankers are in Palmer.  
Spreading aircraft out prevents being grounded in one spot due to smoke  
Haven't divided up crews on next two jet loads yet but they will be allocate based on need.  
17 outstanding crew orders and may be looking at bringing in another jet load.  
NW Compact call today and there are lots of resources available; waiting for teams to put in orders.

### **USFS**

IA resources on Chugach – no additional aircraft; T1 IHC order filled by Flathead hotshots who are enroute to Moose Pass.  
Talking to Swan Lake Fire IMT about sharing resources and looking for IA support from IMT.  
Chugach NF militia and local resources remain same.

## **Round Robin by Agency:**

### **BLM AFS**

- Working with Bobette to place an order for IBA for Swan Lake Fire. IBA is out of Region 6 and was up here helping Upper Yukon and Tanana zones. Delegation will be from ranger district.

- Zones are quiet but AICC is busy.

**DOF**

- Nothing

**BIA**

- Ed Morgan is going on vacation tomorrow and Jackie Martin will call in. Ed is delegating all authority to her.

**USFWS**

- Trying to support refuge with additional personnel and assist refuge manager.
- Have PIO from national office coming in to help refuge; looking for agency administrator out of Region 8 to help out.

**USFS**

- Looking to institute burn closures on Kenai Peninsula.
- Ed Sanford is engaging with Swan Lake Fire IMT as liaison for DOF.
- Engaging appropriately with IMT and others with fire situation on Swan Lake. Bringing on extra support to do that, including a strategic operational planner (SOPL).

**NPS**

- Working on fire restrictions for Kenai Fjords to tag team with state and USFS.

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**BIN Items / Other Topics:**

- **IMT Liaisons**

Clinton Northway will be liaison with PNW 10 T2 IMT.

- **FEMA**

FMAG for McKinley Fire was approved and will be submitted.  
Working on FMAG for Deshka Landing Fire.

- **Alaska Type 2 Crews**

McKinley Fire put in order for 2 T2 crews and will probably need more. First two on roster are Upper Kalskag and Fairbanks #1.

- **Air Resource Advisor**

ARA is in place in Girdwood and will be providing air quality and smoke support for southern Alaska. She is working on developing contact list and will be in place as long as needed.

- **Fire restrictions**

There was good coordination between DOF, Alaska State Parks, USFS and the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge regarding the impending burn closure so everyone is on the same page to lessen confusion among the public.

- **AICC support**

Gary Rose will be air space and frequency coordinator; Jada Altman will act as AICC coordinator when Hilary goes on leave starting Sunday; Stephanie Childs will be helping on the tactical desk.

- **Prepositioning IMT**

DOF has thought about it for the Caribou Lake Fire but not going to push the button on it yet.

**Decision(s):**

None

Bonus Round: None

Is there a need of an Executive Session? No

Next call/Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 1330.