

AMAC Group Conference Call Agenda

Date: August 22, 2019

Time: 1330

AICC Rep: Hilary Shook

AMAC Coordinator:

Note Taker: Tim Mowry

ROLL CALL

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLM AFS – Kent Slaughter | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Division of Forestry – Tim Dabney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BIA – Reeve Armstrong             |
| <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

**Weather Update: Eric Stevens, AICC Met**

- It's two months after summer solstice and normal highs are 10 degrees cooler than six weeks ago so it's much higher than normal. Highs are in the lower 60s, though Southcentral has been having highs in the 70s.
- The wettest 30-day period in Alaska is July 20-August 20 but we normally experience a drying trend when we get into August.
- There are no agreements in the 8-10 forecast models but it doesn't appear that there is any kind of weather system moving into Southcentral Alaska during that time.

**Fuels Update: Chris Moore, AICC Analyst**

- We are moving from drought stage to diurnal stage so the shorter days are limiting the drying of fuels. FFMCs are still high, so we are putting up a lot of smoke because the duff layer is very dry. Southcentral and the Kenai Peninsula are continuing to have fire-weakened and green trees to fall. No relief in site from dry conditions.

**Summary of Statewide Activities by Protecting Agency:**

**Alaska Fire Service**

No activity.

**Division of Forestry**

Initial attack has slowed down.

- **#181 Swan Lake**  
Not lot of change from yesterday.  
Little fire movement yesterday.  
250 people at community meeting in Cooper Landing last night and another meeting in Sterling today.  
Ice dam breakage on the Snowy River will cause water levels in the Kenai River to rise as much as 6 feet. Don't know how long it will take to get it fixed.  
Needs - 4x4 trucks.  
Three Canadian scoopers and Bird Dog arrived yesterday and fourth scooper should arrive today.
- **#738 McKinley**  
Trying to get another engine strike team down to the fire tomorrow.  
Acreage dropped to 3,753 acres due to better mapping; 20% contained.  
3 additional crews arriving today.  
Outstanding orders for T2 crews but only wanted Alaska T2 crews so order was put on hold to determine if we want them.  
Releasing some cooperator engines.  
State Fire Marshal's office should have damage assessment and structure loss count today; it will be announced tomorrow.
- **#736 Deshka Landing**

Updated acreage 2,217 acres.

Got verbal approval for FEMA declaration and working on submitting paperwork.

Broke fire up into 3 divisions and are looking for more crews.

Snags are a big issue because the fire is located in an area with lots of beetle kill.

- **#754 Caribou Lake**

800 acres – a 100-acre gain from previous day; 20% contained, 100 acre gain

32 personnel

Will be combined with Swan Lake Fire at 0700 tomorrow.

- **#752 Levelock**

5,000 acres,

Extremely dry out there; tried to burn but didn't take because of light precipitation.

Making good progress.

2 Southwest Area T2 crews were mobilized to fire.

- **#751 North Fork**

59 acres, 15% contained.

North of Homer.

Zig Zag hotshots and one dozer working on fire.

Dozer line around it

Plumbed 50% of the fire; looking at having it contained by weekend.

#### **USFS**

- One IA but not much detail on it; should be able to keep small.
- Lots of extra personnel on Chugach NF patrolling and watching for human starts.
- Additional winds in forecast.
- One T1 hotshot crew on forest was released to Swan Lake.
- Working with Swan Lake IMT to support eastern side of the fire.

#### **Incident Prioritization: Operations**

##### **PRIORITY LIST**

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

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

- Swan Lake Fire asked for ASM but they're not usually assigned to a fire and will be put in the AICC pool instead.
- Question from Doug Alexander to Robert Schmoll on crews - 2 more jet loads ordered. Jet 25 will get here today we're at with crews. Had 5 outstanding orders for T2 crews and all six of AK T2 crews are out now.

- All Alaska T2 crews that are available have orders; some EFF crews have been split up and put onto engine strikes
- Replacement crews? Will bring it up on state prepo call. Probably best thing to do would be to extend crews that are available. Checking to see if crews are willing to extend because all 5 have on a jet load have to agree to get a jet load to extend?

**Round Robin by Agency:**

**BLM AFS**

- Nothing

**DOF**

- Sen. Lisa Murkowski visited the fire on Wednesday and Sen. Dan Sullivan will be visiting this afternoon.

**BIA**

- Nothing to report.

**USFWS**

- Nothing to report.

**USFS**

- Risk assistance team – USFS asked to initiate it; will be virtual support from Rick Stratton, who will be working with the team applicable to Swan Lake.
- State prepo call includes IC roundup so people can tune into that.

**NPS**

- Nothing to report.

**NMAC**

- Anticipate would support extending crews

**BIN Items / Other Topics:**

- Kent Slaughter – wonders about utility of having AMAC group calls because all activity is in state protection area and resources and allocation. Should we continue the meeting/call?
- Doug Alexander – Recommends disbanding MAC until we have activity that involves competition for resources
- Bobette Rowe – comfortable standing down AMAC call with prepo and tactical calls.
- Tim Dabney – what are the guidelines for standing up and down AMAC calls? Nothing has changed in terms of T group has flexibility at PL3, but not at PL4 and PL5.
- BIA and NPS are good with disbanding call.

**Decision(s):**

Members agreed to disband the AMAC meeting/call unless something warrants standing it up again.

Bonus Round: None

Is there a need of an Executive Session? No

Next call/Meeting: None scheduled at this time.