

Attachment 6 Protection Area Boundary Changes

Protecting Agencies may change protection boundaries within their area of responsibility or may negotiate boundary changes with other Protecting Agencies. The following procedures are designed to ensure adequate and consistent documentation of protection area boundary changes. Collaboration between all affected protecting and jurisdictional agencies is essential in the change process. Completed change packages are due to BLM AFS by March 1.

Change Process

1. The Protecting Agency(ies) involved in the boundary change will inform affected Jurisdictional Agencies of the proposed change early in the process.
2. The Protecting Agency(ies) involved in the boundary change will produce a change package including the following documentation:
 - a. Description of boundary change
 - b. Reasons for boundary change
 - c. Any agreements developed in support of the boundary change
 - d. Spatial data representing the boundary change
 - e. Summary of effects on Jurisdictional Agencies
 - f. Summary of changes to the *Statewide Operating Plan*, *AIWFMP*, or other plans or agreements made necessary by the boundary change.
3. The initiating Protecting Agency(ies) will submit approved and verified protection area boundary change packages to AICC, the Statewide Fire Planners, and BLM AFS GIS by March 1 to all three of the following inboxes:

Statewide Fire Planners: BLM_AK_AFS_FirePlanning@blm.gov

BLM AFS GIS Staff: BLM_AK_AFS_GIS@blm.gov

AICC: akacc.aircraft@firenet.gov
4. BLM AFS GIS will update the Protection Area spatial layer by April 1.
5. The Statewide Fire Planners will ensure the updated Protection Area data is submitted to the Wildland Fire Management Research, Development & Application program for inclusion in the Protection Unit and Agency dataset.
6. AICC will archive the change package for future reference.
7. Any participant in the review/change process that believes the change process was circumvented, unfairly implemented, or unduly delayed, will notify their AWFCG representative. The AWFCG is the final arbitrator for resolving procedural issues associated with the protection area change process.