

# 2024-2025 CHANGE SUMMARY FOR ALASKA MASTER AGREEMENT EXHIBIT D & STATEWIDE OPERATING PLAN

## Master Agreement Exhibit D Reimbursable Billings & Payments

- Review and edits by the Incident Business Committee to align with current policy and processes.
- Added a minimum (per incident) billing threshold.
- Updated timeline for providing estimates of reimbursable bills (now July 1 and November 1).
- Updated the de minimum indirect cost rate (from 10% to 15%) and MTDC.

## Alaska Statewide Operating Plan

### Document-wide Updates:

- Added/updated web links throughout document.
- Updated the following references: AFS to BLM AFS, AFS Manager to State FMO/AFS Manager and AFS Fire Planning Specialist(s) to Statewide Fire Planners.
- Removed reference to IFM and changed to WildCAD-E (where appropriate).
- Updated contacts, position titles, and reoccurring dates.
- Grammatical and acronym edits.
- Ensured Section 508 compliance.
- Changed IMT to CIMT, NFPORS to IFPRS, and WFDSS to WFDSS NextGen (where appropriate).
- Clarified that wildfire and prescribed fire (broadcast burns only) perimeters less than 10 acres also will be accepted in all systems/datasets/reports.
- Updated NWCG publication titles and PMS numbers.
- Replaced (or removed) references to Alaska Incident Business Management Handbook with Alaska Incident Management Team Supplement.

### I. Purpose:

- No section specific changes

### II. Recitals

- No section specific changes

### III. Interagency Cooperation:

- Updated DNR sponsored position title to Deputy Center Manager/Intel Coordinator in Table 2: AICC staffing and funding.
- Moved days off policy references from III.B.2. Release of Initial Response Resources to 1. Availability.
- Clarified that “non-aviation” resources will have completed and signed fire time reports before being released from an initial attack response (III.B.7. Mutual Support).
- Added new section on DOF Health and Wellness Program (III.B.12).

### IV. Preparedness:

- Updated Table 3: Interagency Preparedness Planning Schedule:

- Added new Spatial Fire Planning Service and changed annual updates/review from March 15 to April 1.
- Changed CAD system updates from March 15 to April 1 to align with data product availability.
- Changed Alaska Wildland Fire Jurisdictions data submission to new Data Management Program.
- Removed AISRM completion from May 1 (was duplicate of April 15).
- Added “or 3<sup>rd</sup>” week of October for Interagency Fall Fire Review.
- Figure 1 (map of Alaska Wildland Fire Protection Areas) updated.
- Added language to clarify that the USFWS/Air Force program has no wildfire suppression or fiscal role on Air Force lands in Alaska (IV.B.1.e).
- Added four new NWCG fire type categories (i.e., structure fires, vehicle fires, debris/product fires, and foreign incidents) that require notifications from the Protecting Agencies to the affected Jurisdictional Agencies (IV.C.3).
- Added link to the ADF&G Fish Habitat Permit (IV.C.3).
- Added Supplemental Project Agreement as one of the options for documenting reimbursement between federal agencies for joint projects (IV.D).
- Clarified that reimbursement between DNR and other federal agencies (excluding BLM) for all non-suppression work requires a Supplemental Project Agreement or other reimbursable agreement (which better aligns with Exhibit D) (IV.D).
- Clarified coordination between adjacent units for establishing burn restrictions and closures (IV.F).
- Added State of Alaska statute references for burn permit suspensions and closures (IV.F.2).
- Updated Fire Research Development and Applications Committee section (IV.I.1).

## V. Operations:

- Added four new NWCG fire type categories to required fire notifications (V.A.1) and final fire report sections (V.A.2).
- Added required fire report completion/review notifications (V.A.2).
- Removed outdated BC & NW US Wildfire Response Border Arrangement Operating Plan (pdf) and clarified the public law references for the Canada/US Reciprocal Forest Firefighting Arrangement (V.B).
- Updated required Fire Cause fields for Coal Seam/Oil Shale fires (V.D.8).
- Updated Invasive Species Control section (V.D.9).
- Added DNR contact for Post-fire Response (V.D.10).
- Added Red Book requirements for WFDSS decisions and clarified decisions should only be completed for wildfires, escaped prescribed fires and potentially foreign incidents (V.E.1).
- Clarified DOI cost thresholds for WFDSS approvals in Tables 5-7 are for estimated final cost (V.E.4).
- Added brief description of Decision Support Centers (V.E.5).
- Updated incident cost threshold notifications to align with 2025 Red Book (V.H.2).
- Clarified Fire Investigation coordination (V.J.2).
- Updated public information platform descriptions (V.L).

## VI. Use and Reimbursement of Interagency Fire Resources

- Clarified who should receive copies of incident-specific cost share agreements and requirements for final fire report (VI.A.3).
- Added collaboration for cost apportionment for complexes (VI.A.4.f).
- Add clarification for training guidelines for non-crew EFF/AD hires (VI.B.1).
- Updated AKWFJ dataset submissions and incorporation into national jurisdictions dataset (VI.C.2.a).
- Table 10 updated to reflect changes to WIMS data management (VI.D.4).
- Changed Unmanned Aerial Systems to Uncrewed Aerial Systems (VI.F.11).

## VII. Billing Procedures

- Changed administrative rate equivalent from 10% to 15%, de minimis rate from 10% to 15% and rate cap from \$450,000 to \$500,000 (VII.A.5).
- Removed need to attach aircraft line items exceeding \$10,000 to billing documentation.
- Added July 1 for providing cost-to-date estimates in Table 11 (VII.A.7).
- Added billing Agencies UEI numbers, required per Exhibit D. (VII.A.7).
- Removed Fuels only reference to Joint Projects and Project Assistance section (VII.C.1).

## VIII. General Provision

- No section specific changes.

## IX. Review and Signatures

- No section specific changes.

## Attachments 1-4

- No section specific changes

## Attachment 5

- Updated Protecting and Jurisdictional Agency organization charts.
- Added University of Alaska lands to AK DNR jurisdiction (Table 18).

## Attachment 6

- Updated where updated Protection Area dataset is submitted for use in national programs.

## Attachments 7-9

- No section specific changes

## Attachment 10

- Clarified how most Tribal land is in fee simple status and is categorized as private for the purpose of fire jurisdiction.
- Clarified Tribal lands owned by Venetie Indian and Neets Ai Corporation are treated similarly to ANCSA corporation lands for fire management purposes.