

2025-2026 CHANGE SUMMARY FOR ALASKA MASTER AGREEMENT EXHIBIT D & STATEWIDE OPERATING PLAN

Master Agreement Exhibit D Reimbursable Billings & Payments

- Minor grammatical and formatting edits.
- Removed minimum per incident billing threshold.
- Added maximum indirect costs of \$500,000 to align with ASOP.

Alaska Statewide Operating Plan (ASOP)

Document-wide Updates:

- Added/updated web links throughout document.
- Changed acronym for Division of Forestry & Fire Protection from DOF to DFFP
- Updated contacts, position titles, and reoccurring dates.
- Grammatical and formatting edits.

I. Purpose:

- No section specific changes

II. Recitals

- No section specific changes

III. Interagency Cooperation:

- Added reference to possible dispatch responsibilities regarding medical treatment for resources assigned to incidents in Section VI.G.5 (III.A.4.b. Local Dispatch Centers).
- Added “Agency-specified” to approved fire time reports (III.B.7. Mutual Support).
- Section III.B. 10. Alaska CIMTs:
 - Updated the role of the AWFCG Operations Committee in AK CIMT management to align with 2025 AWFCG SOP.
 - Removed language regarding AK CIMT availability/management tied to national preparedness levels.
 - Clarified that all AK CIMT evaluations and incident summaries (in-state, out-of-state and foreign assignments) will be sent by the ICs to the affected Jurisdictional Units (as applicable), AWFCG Operations Committee Chair, and the AWFCG Chair who will forward to AWFCG Representatives and the Executive Assistant.
- Added reference and link to new AICC CISM and Wellness Resources webpage (III.B.12. Health and Wellness Programs).
- Updated BLM AFS Dinning Hall only accepts cash as a form of payment (no credit/debit cards or checks). Cash is no longer accepted at the BLM AFS Barracks (III.B.18.a. Meals and Lodging). Added link to BLM AFS Barracks webpage.

IV. Preparedness:

- Table 3: Updated the operating period for the Alaska Weather Program from April 1-Aug 31 to April 1-Sept 1 (IV.A. Protection Planning).
- Clarified lands within US Forest Service protection areas also include DOI, ANCSA, State and Private lands (IV.B. Protection Areas and Boundaries).
- Removed references to Fire Management Options boundaries in Protection Areas and Boundaries section to eliminate confusion between the two processes (IV.B.).
- Updated Metlakatla Indian Reserve to Metlakatla Indian Community (MIC) (IV.B.1.a Annette Island Reserve).
- Moved and updated the BLM Alaska/US Army Garrison Alaska MOA and annual operation plan description into its own section (IV.B.1.e. BLM AFS Suppression Agreement with U.S. Army Garrison Alaska).
- Updated section heading IV.C.2 and IV.C.3 for consistency (Jurisdictional Agency Responsibilities and Protection Agency Responsibilities).
- Added to send all IMT Evaluations and Incident Summaries to the AWFCG Operations Committee Chair and AWFCG Chair to Protecting Agency Responsibilities (IV.C.3. Protecting Agency Responsibilities).
- Added Spatial Fire Planning Service as the container for strategic fire direction in WFDSS (IV.C.2. Jurisdictional Responsibilities).
- Changed AWFCG Data Management Committee protocols to AICC Wildland Fire Perimeter Submission Guide and clarified prescribe fire reporting requirements are for the “situation” report, not jurisdictional reporting programs like IFFPRS, etc. (IV.C.3. Protecting Agency Responsibilities).
- Added link to ADEC Solid Waste Program (IV.F.2. State Burn Permit Suspensions and Burn Closures).

V. Operations:

- Re-added AICC Aircraft/Tactical Desk should be included on fire report notifications (V.A.2. Final Fire Reports).
- Added link to FEMA Regional 10 general information (V.D.4.a. Stafford Act Responses).
- Updated NPS Post-Fire Response contact in Table 4 (V.D.10. Post-Fire Response).
- Updated public information platform descriptions and added link to new AICC Situation Report Dashboard (V.L. Public Information).
- Updated and Clarified V.E. Decision Process:
 - Updated who “will” to “must” be given opportunity to participate in decisions.
 - Added documentation requirement if jurisdictional agency within the planning area declines to participate in decision and that BLM cannot decline (per the 2025 Red Book).
 - Clarified additional BLM AFS participation for fires in DFFP and USFS protection for fiscal responsibility on non-BLM DOI and/ANCSA managed lands.
 - Clarified when the additional Fiscal Agency Approver is needed.
 - Updated Table 5 for DFFP to follow estimated total cost thresholds for approval signature and change from Regional FMO to Deputy Director of Fire for over 10 million.

- Updated Table 6 for change in State of Alaska Jurisdictional approver to Regional FMO for all fires under \$10 million and Deputy Director of Fire for greater than \$10 million. Clarified BIA Fairbanks Agency jurisdictional coverage (Doyon and Arctic Slope, not North Slope Regions).
- Removed State of Alaska from Table 7 as the DFFP Regional FMO will already be approving decisions as the jurisdictional agency approver for lands in state jurisdiction.
- Delegations of Authority (V.I.):
 - Clarified the Alaska Master Agreement and the Statewide Operating Plan serve as the Delegation of Authority for Type 4 and Type 5 incidents and the initial Delegation of Authority for Type 3 complexity and above incidents.
 - Clarified that if a WFDSS decision is utilized, signatories of the Delegation of Authority should at least include all decision approvers.
 - Removed “When the Jurisdictional Agency, the Protecting Agency, and the employing agency of the Incident Commander are one and the same, a written delegation for Type 3 incidents is optional” for consistency amongst all agencies.
 - Added reminder for recensions and issuing new delegations of authority as ICs transition.
- Updated Table 4 Post-Fire Response Contacts.

VI. Use and Reimbursement of Interagency Fire Resources

- Table 8: Added footnotes 4 and new footnote 6 to clarify BLM jurisdictional and fiscal responsibility for some USAG AK lands and pending Native Allotments.
- Added BIA to list of agencies that may be provided with BLM AFS network access when stationed on Fort Wainwright (VI.C. Communication Systems).
- Removed sentence regarding “former IFM CAD system” as that will have been 3 years since the transition to WildCAD-E (VI.C.3. Computer-aided Dispatch System)
- Replaced WIMS with FEMS (VI.D.3. National Fire Danger Rating System RAWS)
- Table 10: Updated T-Lake RAWS name to Cathedral.
- Clarified documentation requirement for supplies and equipment charged in an incident charge code (VI.G. Incident Business Management).
- Fixed EERA section heading to include “Rental” (IV.G.3. Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements)
- Added chapter reference to Section VI.H.3. Property Loss or Damage.

VII. Billing Procedures

- Added additional fire types to reimbursable incident types (structure, vehicle, debris/product and non-statistical fires) (VII.A.3.c. All Parties Billing).
- Removed “Bill using the Bill for Collection Process” line as it was repeated in a bullet below (VII.A.3.c. All Parties Billing).

VIII. General Provision

- No section specific changes.

IX. Review and Signatures

- Updated signatories for BLM, FWS and USFS.

Attachment 1

- Table 15. Annual Fixed Costs – BLM AFS Bills DNR
 - Updated fixed costs for 2025 BLM expenditures for McGrath facilities maintenance.
 - Removed DNR Office Space for Public Affairs (shared office space with DOI Public Affairs). No longer wanted.
 - Removed DNR Office Space to Strategic Planner (will be used by DNR Public Affairs, added to Table 16).
- Table 16. Unbilled Interagency Services:
 - Added Interagency Meeting Venue Rentals funded by DNR for annual interagency meetings including but not limited to AK CIMT Training, Spring Operations/Agency Administrator Meeting, and Interagency Fall Fire Review Meeting.
 - Added DNR Public Affairs Office Space (previously DNR Strategic Planner space) at BLM AFS. (Offset for DNR venue rentals.)

Attachment 2

- Added missing lines for default cost apportionment for complex incidents equation (FireTotal_x).

Attachment 3

- Updated principal contacts for BIA, FWS and BLM.

Attachment 4

- No section specific updates.

Attachment 5

- Updated Figure 11 for DFFP Jurisdiction Fire Management Organization.
- Updated Table 18 to include BLM/USAG AK co-managed lands.

Attachment 6

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

Attachment 7

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Attachment 8

- Removed Tongass NF Fire Management Officer contact information.

Attachment 9

- Table 19: Updated BLM POC for Fire Restrictions.

Attachment 10

- Clarified that most Tribal lands are in fee simple status and are categorized as private for the purpose of fire jurisdiction. Tribal lands held in trust are categorized as BIA fire jurisdiction.