

# Delta River West Proposed Management Option Change



There is a proposal to change the fire management options north of the Donnelly Training Area-west to Limited as a result of historic land use. There are also some Modified management options on the northern end of DTA-west that would be included in the change to Limited. Fire suppression agencies would like to mitigate the risk of putting fire fighters on the ground in this area.

This area has also been subject to a frequent fire return interval that is not normally seen in interior Alaska. The fuels have changed in many cases from forested to grass. This could potentially lead to more frequent fires particularly in the early season before green-up when dead/dry grass becomes exposed.

In addition to the management option change, DOF proposes to build a fuelbreak along existing logging roads for fire fighters to work off for more indirect suppression tactics. The proposal is to construct a 300 foot wide fuel break along a 26 mile stretch of existing logging road using treatments such as shearblade or masticating head hydro-ax. Additionally, DOF proposes to put in a shaded fuel break further to the north adjacent to the South Bank and Richardson Clear Water communities.

- Legend**
- ◊ Proposed Limited Mgmt Opt.
  - ◊ Private Ownership
  - Military Training Areas
  - ◊ Current Management Option



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