

Attachment 5 *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 Alaska Fire Service 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 Operating Plan, AIWFMP, or other plans or agreements made necessary by the boundary change.
3. Approved and verified protection area boundary change packages will be submitted by the initiating Protecting Agency(ies) to AICC, the AFS Planners, and AFS GIS by March 1 to all three of the following inboxes:

AFS Fire Planning Specialist: BLM_AK_AFS_FirePlanning@blm.gov

AFS GIS Staff: BLM_AK_AFS_GIS@blm.gov

AICC: BLM_AK_ACCAIR_Dispatch@blm.gov
4. AFS GIS will update the protection area layer within the Digital Atlas by April 1.
5. The AFS Planners will submit data to the National Fire Decision Support Center for inclusion in the WFDSS data layer.
6. AICC will archive the change package for future reference.
7. If any participant in the review/change process believes that the change process has been circumvented, unfairly implemented, or unduly delayed they will notify their AWFCG representative. The AWFCG is the final arbitrator for resolving procedural issues associated with the protection area change process.