Appendix E. Fire Management Option Change Approval Form

Send completed change package to:

BLM-AFS Fire Planning Specialists: BLM_AK_AFS_FirePlanning@blm.gov

BLM-AFS GIS Staff: BLM_AK_AFS_GIS@blm.gov

AICC Emergency Operations Coordinator: BLM_AK_ACCAIR_Dispatch@blm.gov

Management Option Change Initiator

Change Description and Rationale - Describe changes geographically and jurisdictionally. Explain the rationale for the change (use additional sheets if necessary). Specify the conversion date for any changes to Modified:

Bill Hedman, Act.Central Yukon Field Office Manager, is requesting a 2-mile-wide buffer on either side of the Dalton Hwy from above the Yukon River bridge up to the Town of Wiseman be changed from "Limited" to "Modified", conv 7/10. Additionally, he would like to see a "Full" buffer around the Yukon Crossing area and the BLM 7-mile admin site.

His concerns for these areas are: safety for vacationers/motorists; transportation delays and resource demands on traffic control/law enforcement; and the significant economic impacts that potentially closing the highway or portions of it would cause to multiple population centers. This includes possible impacts to commerce flow between Prudhoe Bay and the rest of Alaska. The BLM manages approximately 10 waysides along the Dalton Highway corridor in this proposed stretch to which the proposed change would apply.

There is no intention to downgrade the existing "Full" and "Critical" buffers around Coldfoot and Wiseman.

The 2-mile "Modified" corridor buffer and Yukon Crossing/7-Mile "Full" buffers will intersect Native Allotments (BIA) and some State of Alaska lands around Coldfoot, as well as some private lands around Wiseman. The jurisdictions involved are the BLM Central Yukon Field Office, the BIA, and the State of Alaska Dept of Forestry/Fire.

Changes initiated by:

Agency Bureau of Land Mngmt. Administrative Unit Central Yukon FO, Fairbanks District

Name William Hedman Title CYFO Field Manager (Acting)

Email whedman@blm.gov Phone Number 907-474-2375

Required Attachments:

☐GIS Spatial Data files including basic metadata (zipped geodatabase or zipped shapefile):

☐Option Change Display Maps (pdf format)

☒Other: Jennifer Jenkins to assist with spatial data file updates and file creation.

Jurisdictional Agency Administrator(s)

The following land manager(s)/owner(s) have approved these fire management option change(s) for the lands that they manage/own.

Jurisdictional Agency #1

AK-BLM	Central Yukon Field Office
Agency	Administrative Unit
William Hedman	WILLIAM HEDMAN Digitally signed by WILLIAM HEDMAN Date: 2024.02.29 15:53:17 -09'00'
Approver	Approval Signature/Date

Jurisdictional Agency #2

AK-BIA	BIA - Fairbanks Agency
Agency	Administrative Unit
Fabian Keirn	FABIAN KEIRN Digitally signed by FABIAN KEIRN Date: 2024.03.01 09:26:54 -09'00'
Approver	Approval Signature/Date

Jurisdictional Agency #3

AK-DOF	Alaska Div of Forestry and Fire Protection
Agency	Administrative Unit
Jeremy Douse	Jeremy Douse Digitally signed by Jeremy Douse Date: 2024.03.01 10:10:55 -09'00'
Approver	Approval Signature/Date

Jurisdictional Agency #4

Agency	Administrative Unit
Approver	Approval Signature/Date

Protecting FMO

The following steps have been completed:

- ☐ The submitted fire management option boundary or management level change(s) are operationally feasible.
- ☐ The required notifications have been completed.
- ☐ The required signatures have been obtained.
- ☐ Required GIS data and pdf map products are included with this approval sheet.

Protecting Agency: BLM-AFS Protection Zone/Area: Upper Yukon Zone

Protecting Agency FMO Name: Kip Shields, UY Zone FMO (Acting)

KIP SHIELDS Digitally signed by KIP SHIELDS Date: 2024.03.01 12:09:10 -09'00'

Protecting Agency FMO Signature & Date

Protecting Agency: __BLM-AFS_____ Protection Zone/Area: __Tanana Zone_____

Protecting Agency FMO Name: __Branden Petersen, Tanana Zone FMO_____

BRANDEN PETERSEN Digitally signed by BRANDEN PETERSEN Date: 2024.03.01 12:16:44 -09'00'

Protecting Agency FMO Signature & Date