Fire Management Option Change Request Proposal
Dalton Hwy 2023 – Interagency Additions, 12/15/23

Overview:

On December 15, 2023, the Interagency Proposal Team met to review the Dalton Hwy option change request proposal. The team consisted of the following: Willie Branson, Kip Shields, Tom St. Clair, Rob Allen, Jeremy Douse, Kevin Meany, Chris Wennogle, Bjorn Burgeson, Peter Butteri, and Jennifer Jenkins. Wendy McCartney facilitated and acted as Tim LaMarr's representative in his absence.

Minor Additions:

Over the course of the proposal review, the team identified and unanimously agreed to make the following additional adjustments as part of this management option change request:

1. Extend the proposed "Modified" buffer along either side of the Dalton Hwy corridor north of the Town of Wiseman to encompass the native allotment just above it.

2. Exclude the naturally occurring asbestos area near the Old Man Airstrip from the proposed change to "Modified", allowing it to remain in "Limited", once a rough perimeter for exclusion can be determined. Branson, Hedman and Jenkins have agreed to work together to identify this perimeter for buffer exclusion. Asbestos is a known health and safety hazard; the intent is to prevent unnecessary exposure to responding personnel in this area.

3. Near the proposed "Modified" change, east of the Yukon Crossing area, there is an existing "Modified" response area opposite a chunk of "Limited". The team agreed that it made practical sense to join the proposed "Modified" buffer with this existing response, and eliminate the small chunk of "Limited" that would have resulted between these two areas, creating one unbroken "Modified" buffer.

4. The team agreed that it is practical to extend the proposed "Modified" buffer south and west of the Yukon Crossing area to encompass a native allotment nearby, as well as to include the slough west of the highway in that same area. Currently, the existing and proposed "Modified" response area edges only reach to the north sides of the riverbanks within the slough, which is simply impractical from a protection/response perspective.

Note for Jurisdiction and Protection Signature Authorities:

Please read through the Change Request Form and this Additions page carefully, as your signature on the Change Request Form will indicate your approval for what is proposed in both documents. Thank you once again for your honest feedback and participation in this process!