

## Chapter 30 - Crews

Crews are ordered by standard type. There are Type 1, Type 2IA and Type 2 crews in Alaska.

### Minimum Crew Standards for National Mobilization

For a detailed description of minimum crew standards, refer to the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations*, Chapter 13 at

<https://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2020/Chapter13.pdf>

### Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC)

There are currently three designated Type 1 IHCs in Alaska. These crews are certified annually to insure they meet the specifications found in the Standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations. Two IHCs are managed by AFS, and one is managed by DOF. Alaska IHC crews dispatched to incidents within Alaska come equipped with: personal gear, fire equipment (which includes chainsaws, hand tools and radios), and food and water for 24 hours. Chainsaws may accompany crews traveling on the NIFC contract jet. Crews traveling by any other method will arrange to send their chainsaws via airfreight.

Current Type 1 crew status information is provided on the AICC website at

<https://fire.ak.blm.gov/logdisp/crews.php>

*Table 1 Alaska IHCs*

Crew Name	Dispatch	Agency	Home Unit	Airport
Midnight Sun IHC	ACC	BLM	AK-AKD	FBK/FAI
Chena IHC	ACC	BLM	AK-AKD	FBK/FAI
Pioneer Peak IHC	MSSC	DOF	AK-MSS	ANC/PAQ

A complete list of all national Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews is available at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/fire/people/hotshots>

### Type 2IA Crews

There are currently five designated agency Type 2IA crews in Alaska. The State of Alaska (DOF) sponsors four crews, and one crew is sponsored by USFS. These crews are not included in the Alaska Type 2 EFF/AD crew rotation list. All Type 2IA crews may be utilized within their host area/unit for initial attack response. The DOF sponsored Type 2IA crews are statewide resources and may be reassigned to higher priority fires by the DOF Fire Operations Forester or AICC. The USFS sponsored Type 2IA crew is a statewide resource and may be reassigned to a higher priority fire by AICC. The USFS may have the capacity of mobilizing additional T2IA crews.

Current Type 2IA crew status information is provided on the AICC website at

<https://fire.ak.blm.gov/logdisp/crews.php>

Table 2 Alaska Type 2 IA Crews

<b>Crew Name</b>	<b>Dispatch</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Home Unit</b>	<b>Airport</b>
Gannet Glacier	MSSC	DOF	AK-MSS	ANC/PAQ
Yukon	KIDC	DOF	AK-KKS	ANC/ENA
White Mountain	FASC	DOF	AK-FAS	FAI
USFS R10	CGFC	USFS	AK-R10	ANC
Tanana Chiefs	TASC	DOF	AK-TAS	FAI

## Type 2 Agency Crews

Type 2 crews composed of personnel from one or more agencies may be assembled for dispatch within or outside of Alaska. The host agency for the interagency crew and the dispatch center for coordinating the mobilization, rostering and dispatching will be identified at the time of dispatch processing. Type 2 interagency crews are not included in the Alaska Type 2 crew rotation.

AFS sponsors the North Star Type 2 crew. The crew is available from approximately the first week of June to the middle of August. The crewmembers (excluding the Crew Boss and Squad Bosses) are BLM volunteers until dispatched to an incident. They are paid AD wages when assigned to an incident. The North Star Type 2 crew is not part of the Type 2 EFF/AD Crew rotation.

DOF sponsors the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Type 2 crew that is available from approximately the first week of June to the middle of August. The UAF Nanook Wildland Fire Crew is composed predominately of UAF students in the Wildland Fire Science program. This crew is based out of the Interior Alaska Campus in Fairbanks. The crewmembers are on volunteer status until dispatched to an incident when they are paid EFF wages.

Table 3 Alaska Type 2 Agency Crews

<b>Crew Name</b>	<b>Dispatch</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Home Unit</b>	<b>Airport</b>
North Star	ACC	BLM	AK-AKD	FBK/FAI
UAF	LCSC	DOF	AK-DFS	FAI

## Alaska Type 2 Wildland Fire Hand Crew Services – (AK2CC) or (AK Contract Crews)

There are currently three designated Type 2 privately contracted crews (AK2CC) in Alaska. These crews are certified annually to insure they meet the type 2 crew specifications found in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations. All three AK2CCs are managed by AFS Zones. AK2CCs can be dispatched to incidents within Alaska and the Lower 48 and come equipped with: personal gear, fire equipment (which includes line gear, chainsaws, hand tools and radios), first aid kits and food and water for 24 hours.

All AK2CCs will be configured with 18 to 20 personnel including one crew boss (CRWB), 3 squad bosses (FFT1) , 0-4 sawyers (either FAL3 or FAL2) and 12 -14 crew members (FFT2) and/or trainees.

All AK2CCs come fully outfitted and ready to be mobilized from assembly points directly to incidents. These crews do not need to be outfitted by AFS or State DOF.

Contractor must ensure that each AK2CC crew arrives with all the appropriate and required hand tools and chainsaws (with kits, fuel and oil) in good working and serviceable condition meeting the minimum standards specified within this contract statement of work.

The BLM reserves the right to mobilize any AK2CC from their Designated Dispatch Region (DDR) or Assembly Points (AP) to an incident or project without hand tools and/or chainsaws if it is determined to be in the Government's best interest to provide these items to the crew upon arrival at the incident and that these items will be needed by the crew while at the incident.

All resource orders must be placed by or to the appropriate BLM-AFS Host Unit Coordination Center (HUCC) listed below by utilizing the appropriate national dispatch channels and procedures.

- AK-YTDC (UYT Dispatch)

If it is determined that a resource order is to be filled by one of the AK2CC crews then each task order associated with the assignment and mobilization of a crew to an incident must be coordinated and processed by the IDIQ COR on duty (or alternate COR) and CO.

This contract does not preclude the Government from using any Federal agency or agency cooperator resources before AK2CC crews.

AK2CCs have the capability to mobilize themselves from their designated APs if necessary. AK2CCs also have the capability to procure (requisition) their own ground transportation if necessary if the form of company owned or rental vehicles. All AK2CC vehicles must meet the minimum requirements identified within the contract statement of work.

All AK2CCs will be inspected by a certified COR prior to working on incidents and/or projects.

All AK2CCs will **not** be included on the Type 2 Statewide EFF/AD Crew Rotation List.

## **Type 2 EFF/AD Crews**

General guidance for both State of Alaska and BLM administered Type 2 Crews in Alaska can be found in the *Alaska Type 2 EFF Crew Management Guide*

<https://fire.ak.blm.gov/logdisp/crews.php>. The Guide establishes standard operating procedures and guidelines to be used by fire protection organizations in Alaska. Each agency may have additional specific internal operating procedures. Appendix A of the *Crew Management Guide (Interagency Type 2 EFF Crew Source List)* designates the villages/communities that supply the personnel to staff crews on the Statewide EFF Crew Rotation. Crews may be rostered under the

name of the individual village, or in cases with personnel from multiple villages, a regional name. By June 15, only designated crews that meet roster requirements as detailed in the *Alaska Emergency Firefighter Type 2 Crew Management Guide* will be listed on the Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation List. Undesignated Type 2 EFF/AD crews are not considered shared statewide resources, and can only be mobilized within their local area; they cannot be mobilized out of state. AFS zones and DOF areas can hire and release designated and undesignated Type 2 crews within their units as needed. Designated crews will be requested through normal dispatch channels if local resources are not available. When a request is received by AICC, the next available crew from the Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation List will be mobilized. Situations may arise that require deviation from the rotation list i.e. weather and timeframes.

AICC Intelligence maintains the Alaska Type 2 Crew Rotation List, available on the AICC website at <https://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/crews/type2crews.pdf>. Local dispatch centers will notify AICC immediately via TTY of any crew hire, reassignment and release.

### **Assignments within Alaska**

For mobilization within Alaska, Type 2 EFF crews will consist of 16-20 personnel: one crew boss, 3 squad bosses, 0-4 sawyers and 8-16 crewmembers and/or trainees. Crews consisting of less than 18 personnel may be acceptable in some cases with receiving unit approval.

### **EFF Crew Gear**

Crew kits for EFF/AD Type 2 crews should be ordered in accordance with established agency dispatch procedures. Method of transportation and the ordering unit's ability to provide crew gear are considered. The Crew Kit is comprised of Nomex clothing, EFF packs, and other camp supplies. A complete listing of contents is available in the Alaska Interagency Catalog of Fire Supplies and Equipment. Crew kits do not include food and water.

### **Assignments Outside of Alaska**

Type 2 EFF crews are typically mobilized to the Lower 48 in groups of five using large transport aircraft arranged through NICC. Crews mobilized to assignments outside of Alaska consist of 20 personnel: 1 crew representative (CREP), 1 crew boss, 3 squad bosses, 0-4 sawyers, 9-15 crewmembers and/or trainees. Additionally, an interagency resource representative (IARR) and a crew administrative representative (CAR) will be assigned by AICC to each group of crews travelling together to facilitate the interaction with incident management teams and dispatch centers in all matters pertaining to the crews. The IARR and the CAR are all ordered as Overhead on an AICC support incident for the duration of the assignment. The IARR reports to the AICC Center Manager. The standard L-48 Type 2 crew length of assignment is 14 days, exclusive of travel from and to the home unit. Assignment extensions, based on necessitating circumstances or transportation requirements, may be approved by the AICC Manager in conjunction with the FMO(s) from the crew's respective unit(s). Crews will be rostered in IROC for assignments outside of Alaska.