

Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group Recommendation Table Update March 2006

The Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG), a group of state, federal and Native land managers, sponsored a series of meetings following the record setting 2004 fire season. In addition to the meetings, written comments from the public and the North Star Borough Wildland Fire Commission were received. Each comment was categorized and summarized and the following recommendations were developed for suppression and land management agencies to reference and improve their interactions with the public and each other. This Table is an effort to document actions taken to date.

Recommendation	Date	Response Action/Activity/Event
I. Alaska Interagency Fire Management Plan (AIWFMP)		
a. Increase public awareness of the AIWFMP.	Dec. 1, 2004	BIA - Sponsored presentation by DNR/AFS at the Provider Conference in Anchorage
	Apr/Jul/Aug, 2005	NPS - FireWise Workshops in Slana, Healy, Talkeetna, McCarhy/Kennicott in cooperation with AK DNR
	June 8, 2005	AFS – Fireside chat at Campbell Creek Science Center
	June 10, 2005	BLM-FDO - Held public meeting in Chicken on fire management plan and policies.
	June 2005	BLM-FDO – Met with private land owner to discuss
	June 2005	NPS - Public Website on AK NPS program including AIWFMP
	Year round	NPS - Website Fire News
	Year round	NPS - Displays at YUCH and WRST Visitor Centers, public presentations.
b. Clearly explain how management option boundaries are delineated.	Dec. 1, 2004	BIA - Sponsored presentation at the Provider Conference in Anchorage
	Mar 30, 2005	AWFCG/AFS – Frequently Asked Questions posted on the AFS website with Summary document from AWFCG 2004 Community Meetings
	June 10, 2005	BLM-FDO - Meeting in Chicken
	Aug. 2005	NPS - Public Website on AK NPS program including AIWFMP
	Year round	NPS - Displays at YUCH and WRST Visitor Centers, public presentations.
c. Provide opportunities in accordance with each agency’s policies for community participation.	Dec. 1, 2004	BIA - Sponsored presentation at the Provider Conference in Anchorage
	Apr/Jul/Aug, 2005	NPS - FireWise Workshops in Slana, Healy, Talkeetna, McCarhy/Kennicott in cooperation with AK DNR
	2005	FWS met in various communities for comments on Koyukuk, Nowitna, Selawik and Innoko Refuge Fire Management Plans.
	Ongoing	FWS - Through refuge land and fire management planning efforts public participate is paramount
d. Conduct an intensive review of the current management option classifications based on the 2004 fire season and the likelihood similar seasons may occur in the future.	Winter 2005	BLM-FDO - Reviewed and decided no changes were needed.
	Winter 2005	AFS, Military Zone – Identified areas for further review and considerations for changes
	Spring 2005	NPS - Regional FMO and Eastern/Western Area FMOs reviewed all mgmt. options in NPS units. Changes were made in DENA and WRST

	August 2005 Sept 2005 Ongoing	FWS- Kenai Refuge review current management option designations based on 2005 fire activity and no changes were recommended. FWS- Yukon Delta and Togiak Refuges have recommended option changes based on 2004 and 2005 fire seasons. Changes are from Full and Modified to Limited. FWS - Local evaluations done to determine if change in management options needed
e. Place more emphasis on local conditions when evaluating the Modified conversion date.	July 5-8, 2005 July 8, 2005 Ongoing	NPS - Week prior to July 10 Evaluation Date both Area FMO assessed all RAWs within their NPS units to determine local conditions and provided recommendations to RFMO for AWFCG discussion – Conversion took place on July 10. All AWFCG members participated in discussion and decision to convert all MOD lands with Jul 10 date on Jul 10. FWS - Also noted Local conditions evaluations in WFIP/WFSA processes.
f. Establish evaluation points when suppression levels adjustments should be considered based on existing conditions rather than pre-determined management option designations.	June – July, 2005 July 2005 July 2005 2005 Fire Season Ongoing	NPS - The Wildland Fire Implementation Plan was used on 12 of 14 wildland fire occurring on NPS lands. Evaluation points are established in the WFIP process. FWS – King County Fire in wilderness and Limited Management Option was suppressed due to weather, proximity to urban interface, and time of year. Interagency Smoke Guidelines implemented and public meetings held. FWS- Fox Creek and Irish Channel fires evaluated and managed as Wildland Fire Use fires. Interagency Smoke Guidelines implemented and public meetings held FWS – Yukon Flats Refuge referenced Interagency Smoke Guidelines and considered doing full suppression in Limited Management Option areas. FWS - Also noted in WFIP/WFSA processes
g. Engage local governments with suppression agencies in fire planning efforts within and adjacent to their boundaries.	Winter 2005 Spring 2005 June 2005 June/Jul 2005 Ongoing	AFS - Planning efforts with Military for fuels management NPS - Tri-Valley VFD has worked with DENA during suppression efforts and preventions AFS- started Risk Assessment work in Eagle, Fort Yukon and Stevens Village. Incident Management Teams assigned to fires on the Kenai Peninsula worked in conjunction with Kenai Borough. (Fox Creek Fire, King County Creek Fire, Tracy Avenue) FWS - Local communities consulted during planning activities
II. Protection Responsibility		
a. Evaluate State and federal structure protection policies.	May – June 2005 July 20, 2005 Ongoing	NPS - Finalized NPS Structure Protection Guidance distributed to all AK NPS Superintendents and shared with interagency partners. BLM - Land Use Plan Amendment signed, finalized and implemented BLM Structure Protection Policy FWS - Reviewing cabin and structure protection policies.
b. Increase public awareness of actions they can take to protect their homes, cabins and structures.	2004/2005 2004 Apr/Jul/Aug 2005 April 21, 2005 June 10, 2005 June 15, 2005	BIA - Contracted for Firewise efforts in dozens of villages. Chugachmuit - Firewise efforts in Ninilchik, Seldovia, Big Lake, Port Graham, Seward, Tatitlek and Nanwalek NPS - FireWise Workshops in Slana, Healy, Talkeetna, McCarhy/Kennicott in cooperation with AK DNR Chugachmuit - Participated in Talkeetna Earth Day BLM-FDO meeting in Chicken AFS - As a result of Fireside chat at Campbell Creek Science Center, homeowner requested risk assessment in Anchorage

	<p>July 9, 2005</p> <p>Jul 9-10, 2005</p> <p>Sept 30-Oct 1 2005</p> <p>Year round</p> <p>Year round</p> <p>Year round</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Bowl completed and homeowner referred to programs available thru Anchorage Fire Dept. and Soil and Water Chugachmuit - Informational table at the summer festival in Chickaloon</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Informational table at Moose Dropping Festival in Talkeetna</p> <p>NPS/DNR – Wildland Fire Festival at Lake Clark Park and Preserve</p> <p>NPS - Public Website on AK NPS fire program including AIWFMP</p> <p>NPS - Intranet AK NPS Wildland Fire Program</p> <p>NPS - Posters/displays DENA, NPS-Eagle, WRST Visitor Centers</p> <p>FWS - Have worked close with other agencies in conducting Firewise projects, community risk assessments. Working cooperatively with village councils, volunteer fire departments</p>
c. Inform potential buyers and permittees of fire protection levels.	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NPS - As permits are issued/re-issued the regional NPS Fire Management Officers is working with the regional and park concessions/permit personnel to insure the protection levels and responses are clearly communicated</p> <p>FWS - Instituting this advisor as part of the cabin permitting process.</p> <p>BLM - Permits contain information.</p>
d. Clearly state priorities to incoming teams and consider whether it is operationally feasible to give the Incident Commander the flexibility to protect structures that are not specifically protected by either State and/or Federal policies.	<p>Jul/Aug 2005</p> <p>July 2005</p> <p>As needed</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>AFS - Delegations of Authority – Boundary/Mission Creek, Nulato #3</p> <p>FWS – Assigned a liaison (Fire Use Manager) to work with Type 2 Incident Management Team to manage 2 WFU fires.</p> <p>NPS - AK NPS Superintendents clearly state management concerns and priorities to incoming teams through Delegation of Authority. NPS structure protection guidance is provided to incoming teams and interagency partners.</p> <p>FWS - Provide agency liaison to fire management teams to address structure protection.</p>
e. Promote community and local government Firewise programs to minimize risk to private structures and property.	<p>2004-2005</p> <p>2004</p> <p>Jan. 13, 2005</p> <p>Feb. 1, 2005</p> <p>Feb. 11, 2005</p> <p>Apr. 4, 2005</p> <p>April 12, 2005</p> <p>April 12-13, 2005</p> <p>May 4, 2005</p> <p>May 10, 2005</p> <p>May 11, 2005</p> <p>Apr/Jul/Aug 2005</p> <p>Summer 2005</p>	<p>BIA – Contracted for hundreds of homes to be visited, Firewise material handed out and assessments done when requested by homeowner. Data will be made available to Suppression FMOs</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Firewise efforts in Ninilchik, Seldovia, Big Lake, Port Graham, Seward, Tatitlek and Nanwalek.</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Met with Chief of Chickaloon</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Met with Ninilchik Traditional Council</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Kenai Borough Spruce Mitigation meeting in Homer.</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce meeting</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Big Lake Chamber of Commerce Meeting</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Sutton Community Council Meeting</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Ninilchik Community Meeting</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Big Lake Chamber Board Meeting</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Attended Big Lake Community Council Mtg</p> <p>NPS - FireWise Workshops in Slana, Healy, Talkeetna, McCarhy/Kennicott in cooperation with AK DNR.</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Worked with Chickaloon Village Traditional Council - 205 homes canvassed with 16 assessments completed in Chickaloon.; worked with Talkeetna Chamber</p>

	<p>Summer 2005</p> <p>July 2005</p> <p>August 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>of Commerce and local Fire Dept. -371 homes canvassed and 15 assessment completed in Talkeetna; worked with Sutton Community Council 381 homes canvassed and 15 assessments completed.</p> <p>Chugachmuit - Continued work w/Matsu Borough's Wildland Fire Mitigation Program and Big Lake Chamber of Commerce – to date 1,315 homes canvassed and 75 assessments completed.</p> <p>FWS – Firewise and fuels reduction projects in Tok and Huslia.</p> <p>FWS – Risk assessments for Beaver, Venetie, Bettles, Evansville and Tetlin.</p> <p>FWS - Conduct community risk assessments, fire education workshops, and support State of Alaska “Fire in Alaska” workshops.</p>
III. Preparedness		
a. Develop a process for local governments and land management agencies to update maps to identify private homes, cabins and other structures.	<p>2003/2004/2005</p> <p>Year round</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>BIA - Aerial Photos of Native Allotments. 15% of the State is completed</p> <p>NPS - Has invested substantial funds and efforts to update home/cabin/structure locations, land status and determine appropriate fire management options for structures on lands managed by the NPS.</p> <p>FWS - Conducting cabin and cultural resource inventories and working on methodology for identifying cabins in needed of protection.</p>
b. Complete risk assessments on federal, state and native lands to identify values at risk.	<p>Summer 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>AFS - Worked w/ Stevens Village, FT Yukon and Eagle.</p> <p>NPS - Exploring risk assessment programs to select one that is appropriate for the conditions encountered in and adjacent to Alaska NPS units.</p> <p>FWS - Developing a risk assessment model for Alaskan refuges</p>
IV. Suppression		
a. Explain the role of fire in the boreal forest ecosystem and the potential negative effects of fire fighting.	<p>Ju;ly 2005</p> <p>Aug. 2005</p> <p>Year round</p> <p>Year round</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>FWS – Information releases through interviews with the Anchorage Daily News and TV stations during fires on the Kenai Refuge.</p> <p>NPS - Public Website on AK NPS fire program including AIWFMP</p> <p>NPS - Intranet AK NPS Wildland Fire Program</p> <p>NPS - Presentations by NPS Wildland Fire Mgmt. personnel</p> <p>FWS - Incorporated as part of fire education workshops</p>
b. Use community liaisons.	<p>June 2005</p> <p>July 2005</p> <p>July 15, 2005</p> <p>Jul 18, 2005</p> <p>As occurs</p>	<p>Type 2 Incident Management Team used Fort Yukon radio station talk show to do twice daily updates for Sheenjek River Fire outside Fort Yukon. Type 3 team continued daily 3 PM talk show.</p> <p>BIA Submitted - Incident Management Team King County Creek Fire – Kenai Borough used as community liaison.</p> <p>AFS - Local NPS employee facilitated setting up first public meeting for Boundary fire. (prior to T2 team arrival)</p> <p>T2 Team in Eagle started 1900 hr. daily radio updates.</p> <p>NPS - When NPS is signatory to Delegation of Authority use of community liaison will be included. If teams are managing fires that affect communities adjacent to or that house NPS employees the NPS will inform IMT that the use of community liaisons is desired.</p>
c. Promote local hire of personnel, crews, equipment and facilities.	Summers 04-05	Chugachmuit - Hired a local crew out of Nanwalek to completed 30-acres of HFR and pest management work in 2004 and continuing into 2005

	Spring 2005	Chugachmuit - Formed the Yukon Fire Crew comprised mostly of Alaskan Native hire. There are about 11-crewmembers from the southwest region of Alaska. The crew is assigned to the State of Alaska in McGrath for fire suppression work. When they are not assigned to fires, the crew is conducting hazard fuel reduction project work, dump site defensible space work that they did around the McGrath Dump this summer doing approximately 5-acres of work. Additional crew work scheduled in Red Devil, Chickaloon, and Ninilchik.
	June 2005	NPS - Contracted with local Eagle community for BAER work at Coal Creek. When NPS is signatory to Delegation of Authority the use of local hire of personnel, crews and equipment will be promoted. If teams are managing fires that affect communities adjacent to or that house NPS employees the NPS will encourage the IMT to hire local personnel, crews, equipment and facilities.
	June 2005	Incident Management Teams for Sheenjek River fire - Examples of local hire; local residents in Fort Yukon to aid with logistics; also used local facilities for pilot sleeping area and showers for firefighters; hired vehicles, trailers, 4-wheelers.
	Jun – Aug 2005	AFS/DNR - EFF crew hires based on Zone/Area/AICC rotation list for use on wildland fires (payroll figures to date are unavailable)
	Jun – Aug 2005	AFS - Local individuals and equipment (vehicles) hired in Fort Yukon, Eagle and Nulato in support of fire activity in those areas; School in Eagle leased as ICP for Boundary Fire. Local hires in Fairbanks in support of statewide fire activity.
	Ongoing	FWS - Promotes local hire and uses village EFF crews when ever possible for fire related projects
d. Monitor and make available information on holdover fire activity this spring.	Spring 2005	NPS - Personnel flying over the NPS units reported no holdover activity in NPS units this spring.
e. Minimize road closures and other actions that would cause economic impacts.	Jul 8, 2005	IMT - Delegation of Authority from Kenai Refuge for King County fire stipulation 10 – minimize impacts to recreational users.
	Jul/Aug 2005	AFS - News releases routinely addressed smoke conditions along the Taylor Hwy resulting from the Boundary Fire. A pilot car was provided as necessary.
	Aug 2005	AFS/IMTs – Conducted trail rehab during fire activity to assure trails remained open for use during upcoming Fall/Winter.
	As occurs	NPS - Will work with suppression providers to insure that road closures and economic impacting activities will be minimized.
	Fire-specific	FWS - Roads and campground close only when required to enhance the safety of the public and fire fighters, facilities are opened as soon as possible to lessen impact on local communities and local enterprise(e.g. partial road closure and boat ramp closed to manage fires on the Kenai NWR, reopen as soon as feasible to permit public use).
V. Incident Management Teams		
a. Commit IMTs for 21-day assignments to allow for orientation, travel to, from and within Alaska and transition time with outgoing team.	Dec. 2004	AWFCG - Proposed to National MAC for automatic IMT 21 day assignments to Alaska. NMAC rejected and offered a counter proposal was to evaluate on a case-by-case basis. As AWFCG member NPS supported request to NMAC for

	Jul 16 - Aug 4 2005 Fire Season 2005 Fire Season 2005	21-day commitments to IMTs assigned to Alaska. The NMAC did not accept the Alaska proposal but indicated that the flexibility existed to provide for 21-day commitments when appropriate. Lower 48 T2 Team (Chrisman) was assigned to the Boundary Fire (Eagle) for 20 days. AICC – Also requested 21 day committed/extension for L48 crews and overhead personnel on a case-by-case basis. AFS – Smokejumpers also worked within the jumper framework determining for extended lengths of assignment for L48 jumpers coming to AK.
b. Develop orientation modules specific to Operations, Finance, Plans and Logistics to facilitate faster adaptation to operating in Alaska by lower 48 teams.		
c. Assign an Alaskan liaison to each team.	Jul/Aug 2005 July 2005 August 2005 Fire-specific	AFS - Personnel were assigned as liaisons to Lower 48 Type 2 teams on Boundary Fire (BZ6G) near Eagle. FWS –Assigned a liaison to work with Incident Management Team on the Kenai. FWS –Assigned a liaison to work with State of Alaska suppression personnel for fires on Yukon Delta Refuge. FWS - Assigned agency liaison as needed and available
d. Update the Alaskan Orientation for incoming fire personnel.	Spring 2005	AFS - Duty Office completed update and will continue to review annually and update as needed.
e. Delegations of Authority to IMTs should include a stipulation to facilitate communications with the communities.	July 8, 2005 Fire Season 2005 Fire Season Fire-specific	IMT - Delegation of Authority from FWS or King County Ck Fire Stipulation # 7; from DNR Stipulation #3. AFS - Delegations of Authorities on Boundary (BZ6G) NPS - When NPS is signatory to Delegation of Authority a stipulation to facilitate communication with the communities will be included. If teams are managing fires that affect communities adjacent to or that house NPS employees the NPS will inform IMT that communications with the community(ies) is needed. FWS - Worked closely with team information officer, and Refuge personnel, public meetings to facilitate and harmonize communication with the public. (e.g. fire use fires Kenai)
f. Promote and strengthen Alaska team commitments within Alaska federal and state agencies.	July 2005 July 2005 U.S. Fire Season	FWS - Specifically order an Alaska experience team to manage wildland fire use fire – Fox Creek Fire (BZ43) on the Kenai Peninsula. FWS – Alaska T2 IMT gained experience and knowledge on the precedent setting Fox Creek and Irish Channel WFU fires. NPS - Established four permanent-less-than-fulltime positions in the Alaska NPS wildland fire management program. These individuals are targeted to obtain training and experience so they can serve on the Alaska IMTs. Although other NPS personnel may not be available as primary members, they are encouraged to support the Alaska teams as single resources when they are available.
VI. Health and Smoke		
a. Establish smoke thresholds for determining when to consider alternative suppression responses.	Oct 04 - June05 June 27, 2005	AWFCG - Developed smoke – air quality proposal.. AWFCG - Approved a Smoke Effects Mitigation and Public Health Protection Proposal for trial evaluation during the 2005 wildland fire season in Alaska. The proposal provides

	<p>Jul 20, 2005</p> <p>July-Aug 2005</p> <p>Feb. 7, 2006</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>criteria to help assess the potential for smoke impacts to aid in considering alternative suppression responses</p> <p>BLM – State Director signed Decision Record for BLM Land Use Plan Amendment for Wildland Fire and Fuels Management. Signing had been delayed to assure BLM adequately addressed public concerns. In Decision Record State Director affirmed commitment to AWFCG and implementing operational resolutions to address public concerns.</p> <p>FWS – documented in WFIPs and public information messages on Kenai and Yukon Delta fires</p> <p>AWFCG continued the Smoke Effects Mitigation and Public Health Protection Plan developed for 2005 thru the 2006 fire season.</p> <p>FWS - Done as part of WFSa and WFIP process. AWFCG smoke criteria implemented as part of the management guidelines for fires (e.g. Kenai)</p>
b. Establish smoke relief shelters for communities heavily impacted by smoke.	<p>Jan. 2005</p> <p>Aug 15, 2005</p> <p>July – Aug 2005</p>	<p>ADEC - Providing smoke shelters will be joint effort between the Fairbanks North Star Borough, ADEC, land managers, and fire suppression agencies. Shelters will be provided as situations arise.</p> <p>FBK North Star Borough in conjunction w/RedCross officially opened FBK Memorial Hospital as smoke relief shelter; Noel Wein Library also available.</p> <p>NPS - Eagle outside of Yukon – Charley National Preserve has been heavily impacted by smoke but relief shelters have not been established.</p>
c. Evaluate smoke impacts when determining whether to implement a prescribed fire.	<p>May 1, 2005</p> <p>May 2005</p> <p>June 2005</p> <p>Aug 12-15, 2005</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>ADEC - Developed a new application form for open burn approvals for large area resource management burns. The new form will better identify potential smoke and health impacts, and is designed to prompt the applicants to think out the public impacts of the planned activity and to better describe methods which can be applied for smoke mitigation. Additional procedures have been implemented to include the ADEC Air Quality Monitoring section’s expertise in reviewing and approving large scale resource management open burns.</p> <p>AFS Military Zone – Scheduled Ft. Richardson Prescribed Fire to minimize impacts on weekend recreation activities.</p> <p>AFS, Military Zone – Developed a Communication Plan for prescribed fire and potential smoke effects for military projects.</p> <p>AFS/AF&G postponed prescribed fires in Stuart Creek and Tanana Flats indefinitely due to smoke conditions in Fairbanks.</p> <p>NPS - No NPS prescribed fires are scheduled for 2005.</p> <p>FWS - Done as routine procedure in prescribed burn plans and implementation and obtain State burning permits</p>
d. Include information on smoke in fire updates, news releases and on the web.	<p>June 28, 2004</p> <p>Jul 8, 2005</p> <p>July 2005</p> <p>2005 Fire Season</p>	<p>ADEC- Requiring additional public noticing of health and smoke impacts be provided prior to any scheduled large scale resource management open burn activity.</p> <p>DNR – Included in Delegations of Authority for King County fire stipulation.</p> <p>FWS- Participated in a press conference in Anchorage on the day smoke for multiple fires effected Anchorage.</p> <p>ADEC - Air Quality Advisories and approved open burn projects are posted on the ADEC web site</p> <p>1. http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/ (“DEC Air Quality</p>

	2005 Fire Season	Advisories / Press Releases") 2. http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/ap/obraplist.htm (Open Burn Approval List) NPS - Smoke information has been included in fire updates and fire information provided by NPS to NPS staffs and the general public.
	2005 Fire Season	AFS - news releases contained smoke info and links to ADEC website
	2005 Fire Season	FWS - Included as part of information message to public on Kenai and Yukon Delta fires.
e. Increase air quality monitoring capabilities.	Sept 30, 2004 Prior to 2005	FWS - Purchased smoke monitoring equipment. NPS - Has two portable RAWS that can assist with monitoring meteorological conditions that affect air quality. The NPS maintains air quality monitoring stations at Denali (Rock Creek and Trapper Creek) and at Ambler. The NPS is awaiting assessment by ADEC and other agencies of mobile air quality monitoring equipment
	May 2005	ADEC - New staff has been recently hired by the ADEC Air Quality Monitoring (AQM) section to provide an independent evaluation of the predicted fire weather and potential smoke impacts from all burn activities. Additionally, the AQM staff is to serve as a positive participant in the land manager's decision making process prior to initiating a prescribed burn.
VII. Fuels		
a. Continue to involve communities in the ongoing efforts by federal and State agencies to reduce hazardous fuels.	2002-2005 Year round	BIA - Contracted HFR projects in and around communities NPS - Member of the interagency Fuels Management Committee. The committee coordinates fuel reduction activities and efforts.
	Ongoing	FWS - Has and continues to work with several communities to complete risk assessment, mitigation plans, and implement fuel reduction projects.
b. Support local governments' efforts to evaluate fuel conditions and methods for treatments within their boundaries.	2002-2005	BIA - Contracted for 6 communities to HFR work done within their boundaries.
	Apr/Jul/Aug 2005	NPS - FireWise Workshops in Slana, Healy, Talkeetna, McCarhy/Kennicott in cooperation with AK DNR.
	Ongoing	NPS - Will assist and provide support to local efforts to evaluate fuel conditions and methods for treatment. NPS is conducting fuel reduction treatments at remote structures on NPS managed lands.
	Ongoing	FWS - Promote agreements and contracts with local communities to build capacity for the community to complete fuels projects.
VIII. Subsistence		
a. Support rehabilitation funding for wildlife research projects as identified in the BAER report, i.e. economic impact of caribou and moose displacement on Native Alaskans and other subsistence residents.	October 2004	NPS - Signed the 2004 – Alaska Fires Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan.
	2004	Submitted by FWS – USGS is funding a caribou habitat study.
	June 1-10, 2005	BLM - Spring 2005 Assessment by BAER recommends funding request to conduct detailed analysis of caribou winter range habitat for 40mi and Nelchina herds
	2005	BIA - Looking at research projects in the Venetie area
b. Engage Native communities in planning and suppression activities.	June 1-10, 2005	BLM - Spring 2005 Assessment by BAER recommends Request for Proposals is expected to provide a significant role for the Natural Resource Program of the Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments in Fort Yukon.
	Jul 16,2005	AFS – Initiated contacted Eagle Tribal Chief during

	Fire season & Year round Ongoing	Boundary Fire prior to T2 Team arrival. NPS - Suppression Providers responsible for involving Native communities in suppression activities. The AWFCG has repeatedly solicited Native representation on the AWFCG. Currently three individuals on the AWFCG represent numerous Native organizations. The NPS involved local Native organizations in the recent NPS fire management planning effort. FWS - Local communities consulted through refuge planning process and fire suppression option changes
c. Establish monitoring strategies to determine the fire effects that involve the local native communities as well as federal and State agencies for areas that have traditionally had high subsistence use.	June 1-10 2005 Summer field seasons – 2004 & 2005 2005 2005 Ongoing	BLM - Spring 2005 Assessment by BAER recommends Request for Proposals for a 3 yr. research project on impacts to subsistence harvest practices of Yukon Flats communities due to 2004 fires. NPS - Established fire effects monitoring protocols and has established fire effects plots in YUCH, DENA and WEAR. Although not specifically designed to address subsistence the results may be of value to determine effects if the plots are established in high subsistence use areas. BIA - Subsistence wildlife biologists are monitoring and making recommendations to the board. FWS – BAER activities - invasive plant and burn severity inventories on fires in Yukon Flats, Tetlin, Kenai, Kanuti, and Innoko Refuges. No subsistence issues have been identified. FWS - Monitoring plots conducted to determine fire effects. Subsistence coordinators and Refuge Information Technicians work with local communities to bring forth issues related to subsistence use and fire if identified.
IX. Public Information		
a. Establish a multi-agency task group in the Fairbanks area to address emergency communication issues.	June 27, 2005	AFS - New Public Affairs Officer began work at AFS; this effort will be made as he becomes familiar with area and agencies involved.
b. Establish a joint information center readily accessible to the general public.	When requested	NPS - Will provide personnel to staff joint information center depending upon availability.
c. Create an Alaska-specific public briefing module for Information Officers.	When requested	NPS - Regional Communication and Education Specialist will assist with developing an Alaska specific briefing module.
d. Recruit non-fire Alaska federal and state agency personnel to answer the phones and provide locals with updated information.	Spring 2005 When requested	NPS - Will assist with recruitment of personnel to provide updated fire information as required
e. Provide Incident Information Officer training for federal and state agencies' personnel and local community members so they can be utilized during an emergency.	2004 - When resource ordered Spring 2005 Jun 20, 23, 2005 July 2005 July 2005 July 15-18, 2005 August 2005	NPS - Sent several individuals to Incident Information Officer training. These individuals are available for mobilization during fire emergencies. NPS will make individuals available to assist with information training. BLM - Alaska State Office employee completed Info Officer training AFS - IO STEP and PIO assisted with public meetings in Coldfoot Submitted by BIA - Kenai Borough employee was being trained up as IO. FWS – External Affairs Specialists developed public information message for Fox Creek and Irish Channel fires. AFS - IO STEP training in Eagle contacting locals, Tribal Chief and conducting Public Meetings prior to arrival of T2 Incident Management Team. FWS - Had one Fire Information Officer Trainees (Type 3) begin task book.

	Sept 2005	AWFCG Prevention Committee developing WFU talking points.
f. Establish one central interagency website that provides the most current fire information, including smoke predictions, fire perimeter maps, road closures and evacuations.	Ongoing	AFS - Information Technology personnel ongoing project
g. Assign a person from the local community to teams to facilitate communication with the community.	Jul 2005	Submitted by BIA - Kenai Borough acted in this role during the Tracy Ave Fire..
h. Research the feasibility of using Reverse 911 in Fairbanks, Delta and other Alaska communities.	July 2005 Spring 2005 Oct 19, 2005	Submitted by BIA - Kenai Borough was looking into this per conversation during Tracy Ave. Fire. FBK North Star Borough task Article in FBK News Miner on statewide implementation of 211; phone bank to be located in ANC w/statewide access; cited as a method to distribute emergency info and referred to 2004 fire season.
i. Prepare answers to commonly expressed concerns/questions to be distributed to individuals who submitted comments, available to state and federal agencies, and posted on a website	March 30, 2005	AWFCG - Report completed entitled: "Summary of Public Comments, Recommendations and Actions." and posted on AFS website

X. Predictive Services

a. Continue to support research to improve forecasting of fire seasons in Alaska.	May/July 2005 Year round	AWFCG - Request for funding for Long Term Fire Behavior Analyst at AICC forwarded to NMAC. NMAC responded that was not their role to approve staffing request, but acknowledged need. AWFCG - Continues to work with Fire Weather Program Manager (FWPM) to improve forecasting in Alaska and the products provide by Predictive Services. The FWPM continually interacts with the National Weather Service to improve the quality of products that they provide the interagency fire community.
b. Continue to support fire behavior research.	May 9-13, 2005 Fire Season 2005 Fire Season 2005 Year round Ongoing Ongoing	AFS - provides logistical support for EFF Crew Use Research Project that provided researcher with access to villages in Galena Zone. AFS - Supplies office space and escorts to researchers from Yale Univ. and Colorado State to observe record and film active fire behavior. Researchers had also worked thru AFS in previous fire seasons. AFS - Fire Ecologist continues to facilitate internal and external fire-related research including ongoing JFSP with University of Alaska Fairbanks.. AWFCG - Annually compiles and prioritizes fire research needs for the Alaska Geographic Area. This list is submitted to the Joint Fire Science Program to assist with development of the annual request for proposals. The list is also used by individual agencies and organizations to pursue and implement fire research. Individual agencies are also conducting fire research and interacting with research entities in Alaska and the contiguous United States. NPS - Is (1) researching videography for vegetation sampling; (2) developing models to predict vegetation changes based on burn severity, pre-existing vegetation and assess ecological changes in hazard fuel reduction areas and (3) assisting with re-sampling of burn areas from 1970's fires with original researcher. FWS - Support fire research, Received funding through

		JFSP for some research activities
c. Submit a request to the National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group to fund a Long Term Fire Behavior Analyst to assist and supplement the existing Fire Weather Program.	May 9, 2005	AWFCG - Submitted a proposal to the NMAC to fund a Long Term Fire Behavior Analyst for the Geographic Area. NMAC – Reply - Supports the need for the position but with the flat or decreasing DOI/USDA Forest Service budgets funding is not available currently. The NMAC is going to provide suggestions for meeting some of the analytical needs on a short term basis. BIA is still pursuing funding from their National Office. FWS - Supports the Fire Behavior position at AICC and have requested funding BIA - Requested funding for position
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XI. Rehabilitation		
a. Make suppression emergency stabilization plans available to the public.	2004	NPS - No emergency stabilization plans were required for fires that occurred on NPS managed lands. FWS - Plans would be available under FOIA request.
	As requested	
b. Make the Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) report widely available.	Winter 2004-05	BLM- Posted plan on the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office website at http://www.ak.blm.gov/baer/index.html
c. Monitor the fireline rehabilitation work to assure that dozer and hand lines were properly rehabilitated and not being used for motorized access where not appropriate.	Feb.-Aug. 2004	NPS - Dozer lines were not used in NPS units. BAER assessment and stabilization projects were conducted in the Coal Creek area. BLM - BAER team returned to complete additional assessment of 2004 fires. BAER Plan Addendum and Emergency Stabilization Plan Addendum published. FWS - All suppression activities monitored and Emergency Stabilization and rehabilitation actions accomplished on Refuge lands
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