

## Chapter 20 - Overhead and Teams

### **Overhead and Teams Overview**

Personnel must be requested by the description found in the [NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications, PMS 310-1](#) or other agency approved qualifications guides.

### **Standards for Wildland Fire Position Qualifications**

The Incident Qualifications and Certification System (IQCS), and the Incident Qualification System (IQS) are information management systems that track training and certifications for Wildland Firefighters. For a complete list of all NWCG recognized Position Codes, refer to the Position Catalog listed on the [NWCG Position Catalog Site](#).

### **Overhead Mobilization and Demobilization**

Units filling AICC overhead requests are responsible for ensuring all performance criteria are met. Requests will be processed as “Fully Qualified” unless “Trainee Acceptable” or “Trainee Required” is selected in IROC.

Resource orders shall clearly indicate incident assignment, incident location, resource’s expected arrival time, and any additional special needs or equipment authorizations (e.g., cellular phones, laptops, and/or rental vehicles). All resource orders should have clear “Deliver To” locations. No resource order will be sent to the NICC without a jetport identified in the Interagency Resource Ordering Capability (IROC) request.

Resources will normally be fully subsisted while on assignment within Alaska. If a resource is required to be partially or fully self-sufficient, this will be indicated on the resource order. If a request for assignment in or out of Alaska requires an individual to be “self-sufficient”, they must be able to procure food, lodging and local transportation.

The AFS Fire Operations Duty Office is the point of contact for mobilization and demobilization of all Overhead and Crews to Alaska Fire Service on Fort Wainwright.

### **Fort Wainwright Post Access Procedures**

For requests requiring access to Fort Wainwright, the following language will be placed in Special Needs in IROC: “Hosting agency is located on a military installation. Federal ID required if resource has one, otherwise resource must have a scannable ID/Driver’s License and be able to pass DOD security screening to access facility.”

For resources arriving on the NICC Jet at Fort Wainwright, AICC will work directly with the sending GACC to obtain manifests with legal name, date of birth and state of residence. All out of GACC resources mobilized on AFS or AICC orders will process through the AFS Duty Office.

### **Supplemental Fire Department Resources**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **Name Requesting Single Resource Overhead**

Name requests for Overhead resources will be honored regardless of the type of order. The ordering unit must confirm availability for the individual being requested prior to placing the request. This availability should be verified in IROC. All name requests must include the individuals current dispatch location.

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#) for more information.

### **Trainee Requests**

Name request for geographic area priority trainee positions will be justified within the special needs as being approved by the GATR and will be processed without delay.

#### **Alaska Priority Trainee Program (AKPTP)**

The AKPTP primary mission is to establish a uniform process to identify, promote, mobilize, and assist in the development needs of the interagency workforce within the Alaska Geographic Area. The program has been established to address critical position shortages and support succession planning within Alaska as well as to assist in building capacity for Incident Management Teams (IMTs), dispatch, and national incident response.

The AKPTP list is maintained and used by the AKPTP designee/contact for both in and out of Geographic Area (GA) trainee assignments.

For the AKPTP standard operating procedures, application, and list of current included positions, please refer to the [AICC Overhead page](#).

### **Technical Specialist**

Use of the THSP (Technical Specialist) position code is only appropriate when no other appropriate position code exists. Additional information describing the specialty is required to be included with the request (e.g., THSP – Duty Officer or THSP – Air Resource Advisor).

In most cases, THSP will have a Name Request associated with the order. If an AD/EFF resource will fill the order, the appropriate pay rate as determined by the sponsoring agency AD Pay Plan must be included in the Special Needs portion of the resource order.

### **Remote Employee**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **Interagency Wildland Fire Modules**

Alaska does not host this type of resource, refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#), [NWCG Standards for Wildfire Module Operations](#), [PMS 430](#), and [Interagency](#)

[\*Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations \(NFES 2724\).\*](#)

### **Wildland Fire Module Mobilization**

Refer to the [\*National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization.\*](#)

### **Helicopter Module**

Refer to the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization and the NWCG Standards for Helicopter Operations (NSHO) (PMS-510) for standard helicopter module configurations. Federal personnel must conduct helicopter operations as specified in the NSHO. State of Alaska employees are not required to adhere to the NSHO, unless they are operating on a federally managed fire, or if they are conducting helicopter operations with a federal employee.

Alaska has an NSHO exemption for contracted and Call-When-Needed (CWN) helicopters requiring only a Helicopter Manager (HMGB) for normal staffing. Additional requests for helicopter crewmembers (HECM) will be through normal dispatch channels.

### **Helicopter Rappellers**

Refer to the [\*National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization.\*](#)

### **Smokejumpers**

The primary smokejumper mission is to provide users with highly qualified, safe, and aggressive wildland firefighters who quickly and effectively respond to initial attack, extended attack, and point protection missions. Secondary missions include paracargo, rapid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) response, air attack and fire line overhead. Smokejumpers may be used for heli-spot construction, single resource overhead assignments, prescribed fire, or other work to the extent that the primary mission is not compromised.

Smokejumpers may be requested from AICC for tactical and logistical missions statewide.

Smokejumper boosters will be ordered on Overhead orders from AICC to NICC when authorized by the AICC Center Manager or a designated Coordinator. The booster crew composition will be specified based on a determination of needs by the Smokejumper Branch Chief or designee.

Refer to Chapter 50, [\*Ordering Tactical Resources within Alaska\*](#) and [\*Mobilizing Smokejumpers for Initial Attack\*](#) sections for ordering procedures.

### **Non-Standard Overhead Group**

The generic overhead catalog items “FUMD – Module, Fuels” or “SMOD – Module, Suppression” will be used to order non-standard overhead groups. All requests for these catalog items will be placed through established ordering channels using an Overhead Group Request. Coordination between requesting and sending units must occur.

Crews not meeting crew standards as identified in the [Interagency Standard for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#) will be ordered as SMODs to accurately represent resource type.

### **Communications Coordinator**

A Communications Coordinator will be activated by AICC at Alaska Preparedness Level 4, when a second 4390 Starter System is assigned within 100 miles of another starter system in the GACC, or as deemed necessary for by the AICC Manager. This position provides statewide personnel, frequency, equipment, and supply management. AICC will create an order for the position on an AICC Support order. The request will be processed through normal dispatch channels. The position will report to the AICC Center Manager or designee.

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#) for additional information.

### **Airspace Coordinator**

An Airspace Coordinator (ASCO) will be activated by AICC at Alaska Preparedness Level 4 or as deemed necessary. AICC will create an order for the position on an AICC Support Order. The position will report to the AICC Center Manager or designee.

### **Incident Meteorologist**

All requests for Incident Meteorologists (IMET) are submitted through IROC to AICC. AICC will coordinate with the NWS National Fire Weather Operations Coordinator to fill these requests.

Standard NWS equipment mobilized with an IMET includes laptop computer, printer, mobile satellite setup and setup tools, cellular telephone, agency or rental vehicle appropriate for off pavement use, and miscellaneous office supplies.

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#) for more information.

### **Air Resource Advisor (ARA)**

Air Resource Advisors (ARAs) address public health and safety impacts of smoke, as well as visibility issues, and are part of the USFS-led Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program.

The Dingell Act (2019) encourages use of an ARA for Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMT) where practical. It is most common in Alaska to assign an ARA to provide support to a portion of the state that is affected by wildland fire smoke. The number and placement of ARAs will depend on the amount and geographical distribution of smoke across the state. ARAs may also be positioned with a specific incident management team. It may be beneficial to have them at a centrally located office facility with more reliable internet and phone communications so they can accomplish the necessary data collection and analysis, as well as inform the public, firefighters, and managers.

If available, it is highly encouraged that trainee ARAs be ordered in addition to the primary ARA.

Requests for ARAs will be routed through the Predictive Services Fire Weather Desk at AICC. AICC will coordinate the Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program (IWFAQRP) by calling the IWFAQRP Coordinator at 661-GET-1ARA or (661)-438-1272.

Orders for ARAs will be placed in IROC as a THSP Overhead - Name Request. Air Resource Advisor (ARA) will be documented in the “Special Needs” section of the IROC request. Laptop computer and cell phone are authorized. Agency or rental vehicle capable of hauling bulky smoke monitoring kits is approved. If they will have questionable internet connectivity, a MiFi Broadband unit is authorized. Specialized equipment approval will be documented on the resource order in IROC. Orders will be placed utilizing established dispatch channels.

For additional information, refer to the Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program website at [Interagency Wildland Fire Air Quality Response Program](#). More information on the ARA role is described on the [NWCG website](#).

See Chapter 40, [Smoke Monitoring Kits](#) for more information.

### **Cache Support Positions**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **Alaska Medical Support Programs**

Both the BLM Alaska Fire Service and State of Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection have medical support programs to provide incidents with medical resources. Both programs have a Duty Officer to serve as a point of contact for ordering from their pool of agency specific medical resources. The respective Duty Officer should be contacted by the incident dispatch center when medic requests are received to assign available resources.

The resources available to order include Paramedic, Fireline (EMPF), Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Fireline (AEMF), Emergency Medical Technician, Fireline (EMTF) single resource overhead, as well as medical equipment and supplies to outfit these medical providers.

AICC is the host dispatch for BLM Alaska Fire Service sponsored Fire Medics. Alaska Coastal Dispatch Center (ACDC) is the host dispatch for State of Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Protection sponsored Fire Medics.

### **Incident Management Teams (IMTs)**

Incident Management Teams will be ordered by type using an Overhead Group Request in IROC.

#### **NMAC Management of IMTs**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **Interagency Incident Management Team (IMTs)**

The Alaska Geographic Area will maintain core master rosters comprised of seven Command & General Staff positions for three Alaska Complex Incident Management Teams.

- Alaska CIMT Team 1
- Alaska CIMT Team 2
- Alaska CIMT Team 3

### **Complex IMT (CIMT) Coordination**

Three weeks prior to the beginning of the first in-state rotation period in April, representatives from the Alaska CIMTs, AICC, and the AWFCG Operations committee will meet weekly. These meetings will help all parties maintain a common operating picture throughout the season. Discussions of fire potential and priorities, resolving CIMT availability, rostering, rotations and mobilization concerns will be the focus of this meeting.

### **CIMT Availability**

AWFCG will determine Alaska CIMT availability during Alaska Geographic Area Preparedness levels 1 through 3. The Alaska Multi-Agency Coordination Group (AMAC) will determine Alaska CIMT availability when activated, typically during Alaska Geographic Preparedness levels 4 through 5.

### **IMT Configurations – All**

The Incident Commander positions on IMTs may only be filled by current agency employees. It is recommended that the following positions also be filled by current agency employees:

- Finance/Admin. Section Chief
- Procurement Unit Leader
- Comp/Claims Unit Leader

Unless notified, trainees will be mobilized for incidents on federal lands.

### **Complex IMT Configuration**

Core rosters for three AK CIMTs will be completed by March 1. Core rosters will include seven identified Command and General Staff (C&G) Positions and align with national IMT configuration standards listed in [\*Chapter 20 of the National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization\*](#). Rotation and mobilization core C&G rosters may differ from core rosters due to individual's availability during the rotation period.

Trainee rostering of 6 positions in the master roster will be filled using C&G discretion, and trainees do not require priority status. Roster will also include 6 discretionary positions which will remain

unallocated and unfilled on rotation rosters. Upon order, 6 unallocated discretionary roster positions will be filled based on functional complexity identified and informed using the requesting unit AA and incoming CIMT IC call and incident functional complexity assessment process.

### **Complex IMT Mobilization Roster**

Rostering for scheduled CIMT rotations (national and in-state) will begin nine days prior to the scheduled rotation period. The AK CIMT roster template is designed to be universally applicable for all CIMT rotation periods; in-state, nationally, or internationally.

Mobilization rosters may include up to 26 qualified and 14 trainees. Negotiated positions will be maintained by Section Chiefs throughout the rostering process. Negotiated Trainees will be rostered based on their status as a regional priority trainee and CIMT successional planning priorities. Priority will be given to Alaska based resources and/or requesting unit Priority Trainees. A conversation between the incoming IC and Agency Administrator will take place to determine which negotiated roster positions will be filled and mobilized. The incident functional complexity analysis process will help guide the negotiations between IC and Agency Administrator.

### **CIMT Mobilization**

AICC will notify the IC, CIMT rostering point of contact, AK Operations Committee, and AWFCG Chair when a CIMT request has been placed to AICC. The CIMT will confirm their roster and the IC will negotiate mobilization timelines and non-standard roster configurations with the receiving unit based on incident complexity and requirements. Every effort will be made to carry a full complement of trainees on each mobilization.

### **CIMT Roster Negotiation**

Incident Commanders (IC) may negotiate CIMT roster deviations and additional negotiated roster positions with ordering unit Agency Administrators (AA) to address incident complexity, ideally at the functional level. The IC or designated point of contact will notify AICC of any roster changes so that requests can be coordinated through the dispatch system. AICC will build rosters in IROC for each rotation and the CIMT will post them to the [AICC Incident Management Teams](#) page.

### **CIMT National Rotation Process**

Alaska CIMT national rotation periods are scheduled by NICC and published on the [NICC website](#).

CIMT national rotation periods begin on Mondays and run for seven days. National rotation spots assigned to Alaska are scheduled intermittently throughout the year and occur more frequently between April and October.

For an in-depth explanation of the how the National CIMT Rotation operates consult the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

Alaska CIMTs scheduled for in-state rotations, will cover requests from the national rotation during their scheduled rotation periods. If an Alaska CIMT is ordered and activated nationally, another

Alaska CIMT will be requested to expedite their availability and rostering process to cover the in-state rotation.

### ***CIMT In-State Rotation***

Alaska CIMT in-state rotation periods are scheduled to begin on the third Monday in April and run through mid-July. Two Alaska CIMTs will share the scheduled two-week in-state rotation periods.

### **NICC CIMT Coordinator**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **CIMT Assignment to All Hazard Incidents**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **Type 3 Incident Management Teams**

When the Alaska Geographic Area reaches Preparedness Level 3, Alaska may identify one or more Type 3 IMTs to be available for assignment within the Geographic Area on an interagency basis. AICC and the agency operational leads from DOF, USFS, and BLM-AFS will identify team members beginning with the Incident Commander (IC). The IC(s) will continue to work with AICC to identify and fully roster the team(s). The team(s) will be available for one week at a time. Team members, including ICs, may be provided from either protecting or jurisdictional agencies.

The Alaska Geographic Area will be considered a "local dispatch area" for determining qualification levels for team members.

During periods of large-scale national mobilization, Alaska may also identify one or more Type 3 IMT to be available for out of area assignments. Those teams identified for out of area assignment will meet qualifications in the [NWCG Standards for Wildland Fire Positions Qualifications \(PMS 310-1\)](#).

### **National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Teams**

Alaska does not host a NIMO team. Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **National Area Command Team**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

### **Incident Support Teams**

Incident Support Teams will be ordered using an Overhead Group request in IROC.

Overhead requests for specialized team members on nonstandard teams, such as After-Action review teams, will be placed as Technical Specialist (THSP). Incident Support teams may be ordered on an individual incident or on an AICC support incident if ordered in support of the GA.



**Decision Support Personnel**

When activated, the Decision Support Center (DSC) will be staffed through single resource orders for various technical experts and specialists in positions including fire behavior analysts (FBAN), strategic operational planners (SOPL), long term analysts (LTAN), and Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) support positions (THSP). The staffing arrangement will vary based on need and resource availability. See Chapter 10, Decision Support Center (DCS) for more information.

**National Interagency Buying Team (BUYT)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Payment Teams**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Remote Incident Support Team (RIST)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Burned Area Emergency Response Team (BAER)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**National Fire Prevention and Education Team (NFPET)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Community Mitigation Assistance Teams (CMAT)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Fire and Aviation Safety Team (FAST)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Aviation Safety and Technical Assistance Team (ASTAT)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

**Serious Accident Investigation Teams (SAIT)**

Refer to the [National Interagency Standards for Resource Mobilization](#).

## Chapter 30 - Crews

### ***Crew Standards for Local & National Mobilization***

Crews will be ordered by standard type. Three (3) types exist for National or interagency assignments. They are Type 1, Type 2, and Type 2IA (initial attack) capability. When crews fall below the level identified in the [Interagency Standards for Fires and Fire Aviation Operations](#), they may still be dispatched as a T2IA, T2 Crew or Suppression Module provided they meet the standards for the lesser qualification. The active crew qualification in IROC should reflect the standard (T1, T2IA, or T2) the crew meets. Do not create a new crew resource item with the other qualifications (s), update the active qualification appropriately. When an IHC falls below the crew standards, an Overhead Group - Suppression Module (SMOD) resource item should be created in IROC.

Crew Qualification and Operational Naming Conventions will reflect according to standard:

CRW1 – Pioneer Peak IHC

CR2I – Pioneer Peak IHC

CRW2 – Pioneer Peak IHC

Suppression Module Qualification (Overhead Group) and Naming Convention:

SMOD – Pioneer Peak IHC

AICC MUST be notified immediately via TTY of any crew availability, assignments, reassignments, and releases. AICC MUST be notified 48 hours prior to a crew demobilizing from an incident; this is especially important for crews that were mobilized on the NICC Large Transport Jet.

For detailed descriptions of minimum crew standards, refer to the [Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations, Chapter 13](#).

### **Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC)**

There are currently three designated Type 1 IHCs in Alaska. These crews are certified annually to ensure 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. Type 1 IHCs attempting to transport chainsaws on aircraft other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chainsaws via an alternative method should loading be refused. Type 1 IHCs normally come equipped with hand tools. There may be occasions when Type 1 IHCs transported by air do not arrive with handtools. If tools are needed, they should be ordered separately as supply items.

Current Type 1 crew status information is provided on the [AICC Crews page](#). A complete list of all national Type 1 Interagency Hotshot Crews is available on the [USFS website](#).

**Table 1.** Alaska Type 1 IHCs.

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

### 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. 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 also 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.

Type 2 IA attempting to transport chainsaws on other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chainsaws via an alternative method should loading be refused. Type 2 IA crews may come equipped with hand tools and chainsaws.

Current Type 2IA crew status information is provided on the [AICC Crews page](#).

**Table 2.** Alaska Type 2 IA Crews.

| Crew Name      | Dispatch | Agency | Home Unit | Jetport |
|----------------|----------|--------|-----------|---------|
| Gannet Glacier | AK-ACDC  | DOF    | AK-MSS    | ANC/PAQ |
| Yukon          | AK-ACDC  | DOF    | AK-KKS    | ANC/ENA |
| White Mountain | AK-NFDC  | DOF    | AK-FAS    | FAI     |
| USFS R10       | AK-CGFC  | USFS   | AK-R10    | ANC     |
| Tanana Chiefs  | AK-NFDC  | DOF    | AK-TAS    | FAI     |

### Type 2 Agency/Interagency Crews

Type 2 agency/interagency crews are composed of personnel from one or more agencies and may be assembled within or outside of Alaska. For interagency crews, the host agency and dispatch center for coordinating the crew mobilization, rostering, and dispatching will be identified when the request is processed.

Type 2 crews attempting to transport chain saws on other than NIFC contract jets should be prepared to ship their chain saws via an alternative method should loading be refused. Type 2 crews

may come equipped with hand tools and chain saws.

AFS sponsors the North Star Type 2 agency crew. The crew is available from approximately the first week of June through 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.

**Table 3.** Alaska Type 2 Agency Crews.

| Crew Name  | Dispatch | Agency | Home Unit | Jetport |
|------------|----------|--------|-----------|---------|
| North Star | AK-ACC   | BLM    | AK-AKD    | FBK/FAI |

### Alaska Type 2 Wildland Fire Hand Crew Services (AK2CC)

BLM Alaska contracts with multiple private companies for Type 2 crews (AK2CCs). These contract crews are certified annually to ensure they meet the Type 2 crew specifications found in the [Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#). All AK2CCs are dispatched by AFS Dispatch Centers. AK2CCs can be mobilized to incidents within Alaska and the Lower 48 and come fully equipped with all PPE, line gear, chainsaws, hand tools and radios, first aid kits, and food water and AA batteries for the first 24 hours.

**Table 4.** Alaska Type 2 Wildland Fire Hand Crew Services Contract Crews (AK2CC).

| Contract Crew Name                            | Agency | Host Unit | Host Unit Coordination Center (HUCC) |
|---|--------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments CATG | BLM    | AK-UYD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| S.E.S. (Scorched Earth Services) K River 1    | BLM    | AK-TAD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| S.E.S. (Scorched Earth Services) K River 2    | BLM    | AK-TAD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| RMF (Rural Metro Fire) Mooseheart Mountain    | BLM    | AK-TAD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| Nulato Hills LLC Nulato Hills Wildland        | BLM    | AK-GAD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| Nulato Hills LLC Nulato Hills Wildland #2     | BLM    | AK-GAD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| RMF (Rural Metro Fire) Big River              | BLM    | AK-GAD    | AK-YFDC                              |
| RMF (Rural Metro Fire) Clearwater             | BLM    | AK-GAD    | AK-YFDC                              |

All AK2CCs will be configured with 18 to 20 personnel including one crew boss (CRWB), 3 squad bosses (FFT1), 2-4 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 in Alaska. These crews do not need to be outfitted by AFS or State DOF. The contractor must ensure that each AK2CC arrives at the incident with all the appropriate and required handtools, chainsaws (with kits, fuel, and oil) and other equipment, that all equipment is in good working and

serviceable condition, meeting the minimum standards specified within the contract statement of work. All AK2CCs will be inspected by a certified Contracting Officer Representative (COR) prior to working on incidents and/or projects.

When an AK2CC is mobilized to the Lower 48, some commercial airliners do not allow for the transportation of chainsaws (even purged) or fuel and oil. Current policy does allow type 2 crews, including contractors, to mobilize on the NICC characterized aircraft with hand tools and chainsaws.

The BLM-AFS 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 established dispatch ordering channels and procedures.

- AK-YFDC (Yukon Fire Dispatch)

If a resource order is to be filled by one of the AK2CCs, a task order must be coordinated and processed by the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) on duty (or alternate COR) and Contracting Officer (CO). Only the CO and COR are authorized to contact the AK2CCs directly.

This contract does not preclude the Government from using any federal agency or agency cooperator resources before Alaska Type 2 Contract Crews.

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

The CO and designated COR will determine the Alaska contract crew (AK2CC) order of rotation and relay that information to the respective HUCCs.

### **Type 2 EFF Crews**

Guidance for agency administered Type 2 Crews in Alaska can be found in the [Alaska Emergency Firefighter Type 2 Crew Management Guide](#). The guide establishes standard operating procedures to be used by fire management organizations in Alaska. Each agency may have additional specific internal operating procedures.

DOF Areas can hire, and release designated and undesignated Type 2 crews within their units as needed. Crews will be requested through normal dispatch channels if local resources are not available.

### ***Assignments within Alaska***

For mobilization within Alaska, Type 2 EFF crews will consist of 16-20 personnel including one crew boss, 3 squad bosses, 0-4 sawyers, and 8-16 crewmembers and/or trainees. Crews may only be dispatched out of the local area with less than 18 personnel with receiving unit approval.

### ***EFF Crew Gear***

Crew kits for EFF 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 campsupplies. 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***

Crews mobilized to assignments outside of Alaska consist of 20 people including 1 crew representative (CREP), 1 crew boss, 3 squad bosses, 0-4 sawyers, and 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. The IARR and the CAR are ordered as Overhead on an AICC support incident for the duration of the assignment. The IARR reports to the AICC 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 home unit(s).