

## 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).