

**FEDERAL AID
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

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**FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT
PERFORMANCE REPORT**

STATE: Alaska

GRANT AND SEGMENT NR: W-33-2

PROJECT NR: 24.0

WORK LOCATION: Statewide

PERIOD: 1 July 2003 – 30 June 2004

PROJECT TITLE: Fire Management Planning for Wildlife Habitat

Project Activities and Accomplishments

Activity: Represent the department at interagency or public fire management planning and coordination meetings.

Represented the department at quarterly meetings and monthly teleconferences of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) and periodic meetings of the Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group; attended meetings of the AWFCG Fire Research and Applications Committee and the AWFCG Fire Effects Working Group; attended meetings of the AWFCG Fire Prevention, Education, and Awareness Committee; and attended the state's Fall Fire Review and the Interagency Fall Fire Review.

Activity: Annually evaluate and comment on the selection of fire management options under the AIWFMP, and recommend changes that will provide additional opportunities for wildlife resources to benefit from the management of wildland fires.

Worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, to recommend changes in the selected fire management options for lands in southwest Alaska.

Activity: Work with state and federal managers to modify existing policies, procedures and programs to use fire to maintain or enhance wildlife habitat.

Encouraged land and fire managers to more actively manage wildland fires in near populated areas as the only practical and affordable means to maintain wildlife habitat and reduce the threat to private property; and argued for federal policy changes to allow "fire use" to encompass active manipulation of wildland fires to meet land and resource objectives.

Activity: Facilitate department staff involvement in fire-related issues.

Provided daily fire information and maps to area offices during the fire season and attempted to help area biologists interact more effectively with fire managers.

Activity: Identify and review appropriate literature, participate in training, and attend symposia or workshops to maintain expertise on fire management issues.

Gave a presentation on “Managing Fires in the Urban Interface” at the jointly held 5th Symposium on Fire and Forest Meteorology and 2nd International Wildland Fire Ecology and Fire Management Congress in Orlando, Florida, during November 2003. (This PowerPoint presentation was then adapted for a lay audience and presented on three occasions at public venues in the Fairbanks area under the title “Living with Fire.”)

Activity: Prepare an annual budget, work plan, and documents needed to satisfy Federal Aid and other reporting requirements.

Submitted an FY03 performance report and FY05 work plan to Federal Aid; and submitted a budget request for FY05.

Total Project Costs (in thousands) \$51.0

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