

**FEDERAL AID  
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
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**FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT  
PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**STATE:** Alaska

**GRANT AND SEGMENT NO.** W-33-6

**WORK LOCATION:** Region III

**PROJECT NO.** 24.0

**PERIOD:** 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008

**PROJECT TITLE:** Fire Management Planning for Wildlife Habitat

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**Project Activities and Accomplishments**

**ACTIVITY 1:** Represent the department on the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG) and related Committees and Task Groups.

**Accomplishments:**

- Represented the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) at quarterly meetings and monthly teleconferences of the AWFCG.
- Represented the ADF&G at meetings of the Air Quality and Smoke Management Committee; Fire GIS Committee; Fire Prevention, Education and Awareness Committee; Fire Research and Applications Committee; Fire Plan Task Group; Fire Effects Task Group; and Fuels and Prescribed Fire Committee.

**ACTIVITY 2:** Participate in the two annual fall fire reviews sponsored by the AWFCG and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ANDR), Division of Forestry (DOF), respectively.

**Accomplishments:** Attended the Interagency Fall Fire Review and the DOF Fall Fire Review.

**ACTIVITY 3:** Annually evaluate and comment on the selection of fire management options (Critical, Full, Modified, and Limited) under the Alaska Interagency Wildland Fire Management Plan (AIWFMP) and recommend changes.

**Accomplishments:** Reviewed the selection of fire management options. No changes were requested.

**ACTIVITY 4:** Develop and promote department policies and positions relative to fire management.

**Accomplishments:** Continued to advocate for active management of wildland fires to meet land, resource and protection objectives and avoid future catastrophic fires in developed areas where initial attack is highly effective at excluding fire. Submitted proposals to change the initial response criteria in the AIWFMP for the Full and early season Modified areas.

**ACTIVITY 5:** Review and comment on state and federal fire-related policies and procedures.

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**Accomplishments:** Continued to seek changes in Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation permitting requirements and fees for prescribed burning. Worked with AWFCG members to incorporate fire policy changes in the AIWFMP.

ACTIVITY 6: Meet with federal, state and local level administrators to discuss fire-related policies, procedures or issues.

**Accomplishments:** Discussed state and federal fire policies during the Interagency Fall Fire Review and the DOF Fall Fire Review, and advocated for change at every possible opportunity.

ACTIVITY 7: Facilitate department staff involvement in fire-related issues.

**Accomplishments:** Worked with the Galena Area Biologist to address undesired fire management changes on Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge. Did not facilitate other staff involvement due to cool, wet summer weather with relatively few fires.

ACTIVITY 8: Identify and review appropriate literature to maintain expertise on fire management issues.

**Accomplishments:** Reviewed research papers and other literature on fire-related issues.

ACTIVITY 9: Prepare and disseminate information (e.g., news releases, guest editorials, brochures and video) on fire-related issues.

**Accomplishments:** Did not prepare materials because there were few wildland fires and lack of suitable conditions for planned prescribed burns.

ACTIVITY 10: Interact with broadcast media on fire-related issues.

**Accomplishments:** Did not prepare to interact with broadcast media because there were few wildland fires and lack of suitable conditions for planned prescribed burns.

ACTIVITY 11: Prepare an annual budget, work plan, and documents needed to satisfy Federal Aid and other reporting requirements.

**Accomplishments:** Submitted a FY07 performance report and FY09 work plan to Federal Aid, and submitted a FY09 budget request.

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