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Forest Practices Act

- Detailed Plans of Operation (DPO) are being received and reviewed within the region
- Working with Operators and Landowners on renewal of DPO’s from previous field seasons in Region 1
• Sold Bayview timber sale in late January (574 acres at 14.4mmbf)
• Demand for personal use timber and fuelwood has been consistent throughout southcentral
• Many operators in the Mat Su Valley are working on spruce beetle salvage projects on private lands
Interagency Collaboration

- USFS--Good Neighbor Agreement timber sales (Vallenar and Kosciusko)
- ADFG--Willer Kash forest road improvements through Pittman Robertson funding
- USFS—Grant funded fuels reduction and forest health projects Western Bark Beetle, Western States Wildland Urban Interface
Fire Management

- Consolidated dispatch strategic planning
- McGrath Area agency scoping effort underway with BLM regarding future service delivery
- Pursuing the use of daily satellite imagery through Planet
- Palmer crew facility, efforts underway in comparative analysis of potential facility location
• Currently the Coastal Region has 15 vacancies, including foresters, dispatchers, and initial attack firefighters. Recruitment efforts are underway to fill these positions.
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Forest Management

Berg Birch completed – 985 CCF (82 acres)
Seven Mile Island – 2046 CCF (88 acres)
Canyon East Mixed #2 – 867 CCF (57 acres)
Boundary Spruce – 1336 CCF (78 acres)
Roads -Pittman Robertson

- 10 Miles of road upgrade to Cache Creek road
- Fortune Creek Bridge Replacement
- 12 Miles of road upgrade to Standard Creek road
Maisch Logging Road

- Approximately 5 miles
- 750 acres of scheduled timber sales
- Additional public access
- Personal use firewood cutting
New Forest Road Construction
Winter road
Forest Inventory

- FIA – southwest unit
- McIntire Stennis Capacity Grant
  - CAFI plot remeasurement
  - Birch regeneration and site preparation
Cooperative Agreements

- Fort Wainwright – Forestry Support
- BLM-GNA – Delta River West, Copper River CWPP
Fire Management

• Consolidated Dispatch – Northern Forestry Dispatch Center

• Fuels –
  • Old Murphy Dome - maintenance
  • Delta River West – fuel break
  • Anderson - shaded
  • Vista Gold - shaded
Staffing

- Northern Region has 12 vacancies in IA, crew positions
  - Fairbanks FMO,
  - White Mountain Superintendent
- All forester positions are currently filled
- FIA permanent staff filled. Seasonal staff hiring.
Northern Rail Extension
2010

• Analyzed already in an EIS
• DOF Provided comments
• Bridge across the Tanana Constructed in 2014
• (c)(1) the Department of Natural Resources shall reserve the transportation corridor and associated rail land across state land identified by the corporation.

• (c)(3) the department and the corporation shall cooperate to identify, on a continuing basis and to the extent practicable, the potential crossings for economic development and public access along the land reserved for the transportation corridor and associated rail land.
• grade separated crossings are preferable but expensive

• There is a stronger argument for at grade crossings if a road has a legal status, an issued easement or an RS 2477

• Reviewed 5 year schedule, inventory and topography layers to develop a rough transportation plan. Identified most likely crossing areas that would be needed in the future.

• DOF submitted 23 easement applications (10 Delta Area, 13 Tok Area)