

FEMA Approves \$3.1 Million for Project to the State of Alaska Division of Forestry

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BOTHELL, Wash. – Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska Division of Forestry will receive \$3.1 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for wildfire suppression and structure protection costs based on the threat from the Sockeye Fire.

The \$3,149,314 grant represents a federal share of the total project cost of \$4,199,086. The remainder will come from non-federal sources. This grant is funded through FEMA's Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. FMAG funding is available to states, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. Eligible firefighting costs may include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials and supplies; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the state. It is the state's responsibility to ensure that the eligible sub-recipient receives this award. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, they will provide funds to the sub-recipient on a reimbursable basis.

To date FEMA has obligated more than \$4,438,521 to Alaska as a result of damages from the Sockeye Fire.

