

## **APPENDIX H: CENTRAL COMPLEX EVACUATION PLAN**

For Dispersed Homesites and the Communities of Circle, Central, and Circle Hot Springs  
July 14, 2004

### **Intent of this Plan:**

- Define conditions which will initiate movement of the public to pre-identified safety zones.
- Establish lines of communication to notify public of an evacuation or impending evacuation.
- Identify safety zones and routes of evacuation to safety zones.
- Identify process to identify special evacuation requirements of affected populations (i.e. elderly, youth, infirm, and those lacking transportation).

This plan will be used by [IC's] Incident Management team until superceded by Plans developed by the Alaska Department of Emergency Services.

### **Conditions Initiating Evacuation or Pre Evacuation Notification**

The Operations Section Chief with the assistance of the Fire Behavior Analysts will monitor fire activity and declare the initiation of an evacuation or notification of an impending evacuation.

### **Communications**

The IMT in conjunction with community leaders will establish a primary contact that will be notified of in the event that a community evacuation is necessary. An incident radio and instructions to monitor Channel 1 will be provided to the primary contact.

Evacuation notification will be given to the primary contacts by the Operations Section Chief.

Community leaders will establish neighbor-to-neighbor communications to ensure that everyone gets the notification to evacuate.

### **Safety Zones and Primary Evacuation Routes**

- Circle and dispersed residents on Steese Highway North of Birch Creek.

Safety Zone – Circle Airfield

Evacuation Route – Steese Highway North to Circle airfield.

- Central and dispersed residents south of Birch Creek and Highway south of Central

Safety Zone – Central Airfield

Evacuation Route – Steese Highway North or South to Central Airfield

- Circle Hot Springs, people will move north to Circle airfield.

Because of the unpredictability of where a fire might come from, to threaten a particular area, the direction of travel to the safest area will be indicated at the time the threat is recognized.

**Alternate Routes:** There are no alternate routes due to the limited road network.

**Alternate Destinations:** In the event a primary route to a safety one has been compromised, people may have to move towards a different town and safety zone. IMT personnel will determine appropriate routes and zones.

**Traffic Control:** Where available, personnel will be located at the following points for traffic control. The Central high school on the Steese Highway (MM XX), The Bridge at Central, and the Birch Ck. Bridge.

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(Incident Commander)