

STATEMENT OF INTENT
among
THE STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
and
DIVISION OF FORESTRY,
and
The ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND OFFICE,
and
The UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

This Statement of Intent (SOI) is hereby made and entered into by and between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Division of Forestry (DOF), the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office (TLO) and the University of Alaska (UA) herein collectively referred to as the Alaska Forest Management Cooperative (AFMC).

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this SOI is to document the parties' intention to cooperate in order to further their separate missions concerning forest resources. The parties to this SOI hereby express their intent to establish a reciprocal relationship to share facilities that support forest resource management and to waive collection of use fees that any party to this SOI could charge to any other party for land use, for access across another party's land, or for any associated use fees in connection with land and forest resource

Fund (LGTF), to waive the collection of these fees in order to avoid the administrative costs, to save employee time for more productive activity, and to better facilitate their separate but complementary missions. Further, this SOI reflects the collaborative working relationship desired by AFMC.

III. PUBLIC PROCESS REQUIREMENT

DMLW, DOF, UA and TLO agree that each party will execute and comply with its own internal requirements and regulations for public process necessary before any waiver of fees or sharing of facilities is allowed.

IV. DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

DMLW, DOF, UA and TLO agree that each party will write its own decisional document related to this SOI, and will publish it for public review. The decisional document written by each party will address the rationale used to decide that the sharing of facilities and waiving of fees among DMLW, DOF, UA and TLO is in the best interest of that individual party.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- A. LAWS or REGULATIONS. Nothing in this SOI obligates any party to take or excuse any action that may be contrary to Federal or State of Alaska laws or regulations.
- B. LAND OWNERSHIP. Nothing in this SOI affects, alters or burdens the ownership of or title to any parcel or tract of land, or of any fixture to or item of property on any parcel or tract of land.
- C. PARTICIPATION in ACTIVITIES WITH OTHERS. This SOI in no way restricts DMLW, DOF, TLO or UA from participating in similar activities and memoranda of agreement with any other landowner that is not a party to this SOI.
- D. NON-BINDING AGREEMENT. This SOI creates no right, benefit or trust

