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RESEARCH TASK LIST

The Research Task List is the system for the AWFCG to bring applied research into wildland fire Management.

FIRE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The FRDAC addresses research needs in Alaska. It facilitates research, development, and applications to meet the changing needs of the member agencies of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group.

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What's new? Lots!

In 2018-2019 the AWFCG Fire Research, Development & Applications Committee (FRDAC) overhauled how we handle fire management research needs in Alaska.

Workshops were held in February and October 2018 to identify problems with the “Research Needs List” and to improve the system.

This year we are rolling out the next generation “Research Task List”.

The new system emphasizes tasks rather than open-ended needs, “co-production”, and meaningful endpoint deliverables.

FEATURES OF THE “RESEARCH TASK LIST”

- Three roles for each task. 1.) AWFCG Sponsor, 2.) FRDAC Representative, and 3.) Investigator
- Tasks now require an AWFCG Sponsor. The Sponsor identifies a research need and crafts task statements and deliverables.
- Facilitates “Co-production”. Early involvement of the Sponsor in the development of a project ensures that the AWFCG will get a needed and useful end product.
- Tasks have an endpoint. Task statements specify deliverables.
- No need for prioritization. If a task merits Sponsorship it is important enough to be on the Research Task List.
- Database system. A database maintains a “living list” of current and completed tasks with links to contacts and end products.

HOW DO I GET MY RESEARCH TASK ON THE LIST?

1. Contact a FRDAC member.
2. You can sponsor the task yourself or the FRDAC will assist finding one.
3. The FRDAC will then assign a Representative.
4. The Representative will facilitate finding an investigator and crafting a task statement and deliverables.

