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To: Walt Wrede, City Manager *W. Wrede*

From: Bob Painter, Fire Chief *BP*

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Re: Annual Operating Plan, Division of Forestry

It is once again time to renew our Annual Operating Plan with the State Division of Forestry. The primary change this year include (as required by the Division): changing the time that we would be required to be at a wildland fire prior to being permitted to bill the State going from 2 hours to 4 hours. This change, according to the State, would bring the Kenai Peninsula in line with the rest of the state. While in past years HVFD could bill the State for wildland fires after two hours and beyond (equipment and personnel) this change will allow us to bill from the time of initial dispatch if/when HVFD is providing service for at least 4 hours. The local Fire Management Officer in the Soldotna office also is allowing up to one hour of time as part of that 4 hour minimum for us to apply to getting our equipment and apparatus returned to service following a wildland fire. In all reality, since losing the KESA contract it is unlikely that HVFD will have much wildland activity within our Primary Response Area (Homer and Kachemak City limits) needing more than 2 hours to control, or turn over to the Division of Forestry. For wildland fires outside our Primary Response Area we will be able to bill from time of dispatch according to the new agreement.