# All Lands/All Hands



Ignite Session for Land Management on the Kenai Peninsula Forum



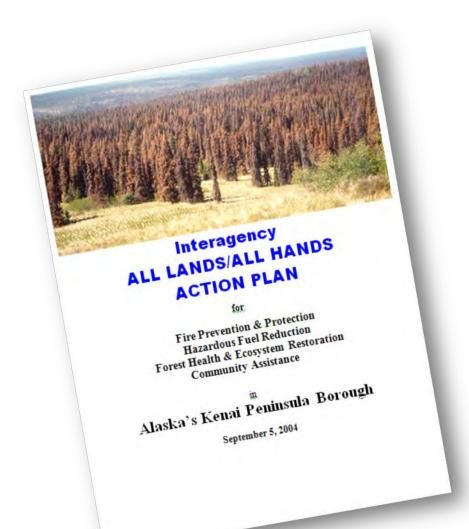
In the midst of a regional spruce bark-beetle epidemic that caused greater than 90% mortality in spruce stands.....

Increased development in rural areas (WUI)
adjacent to and within beetle-killed forest and other
highly flammable vegetation



89% of KPB private property valuation located in communities with either an **EXTREME** or **HIGH** Wildfire Risk Rating

# The Kenai Forest, Wildfire, & Fuels Management Coordinating Committee was formed in 2003



Collaborative multi-year action plan that identifies and prioritizes on-the-ground activities intended to reduce wildland fire risks to communities and the environment (National Fire Plan strategy)

It Takes "All Lands/All Hands" to Reduce Wildland Fire Risk on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula

### "All Lands All Hands" Committee

**USFWS, Kenai Wildlife Refuge Chugach National Forest** State of AK, Division of Forestry Kenai Peninsula Borough Chugachmiut **Bureau of Indian Affairs USFS, State & Private Forestry** Alaska State Parks, Kenai Area **AK Mental Health Trust** NPS, Kenai Fiords National Park **BLM**, Anchorage Field Office More recently; ADF&G, CIRI, NRCS

Working document updated every 5 yrs to respond to changes in priorities, funding and staffing.



### Goals + Actions

Improve Fire Prevention and Protection reduce risk to life
 + property through interagency prevention education and home/property preparedness outreach activities





<u>Reduce Hazardous Fuels</u> collaboratively plan, prioritize, and implement treatments where the negative impacts of unwanted wildfires are greatest

#### **Restore Forest Health and Desired Ecosystems**

facilitate adaptive management to restore/maintain ecosystems that are healthy, diverse, and resilient to uncharacteristically severe fires





<u>Promote Community Assistance</u> stimulate local capacity to reduce losses from fire and seek economic opportunities resulting from treatments and services (biomass utilization)

## **Opportunities and Barriers**

- ✓ Meet bi-annually for technology transfer, provide agency reports (accomplishments, plans), identify needs, form working groups
- Cloud-based sharing of documents does not work with mix of federal and non-federal partners
- Treatments span multiple ownerships with varying land management objectives; need liaisons from each stakeholder
- ✓ "Not in my backyard" landowners need incentives
- ✓ No direct mechanism for putting the information into the hands of those who need it (KP landowners)





## Information Needs

- ✓ Improve quality of geospatial info including values at risk, veg changes, sensitive areas
- ✓ Be involved in the planning stage of new developments
- ✓ Potential commercial uses for fuel reduction materials, such as small diameter wood products and bio-energy projects
- ✓ Way to monitor ecosystem response to fire/fuels treatments
- ✓ Develop/maintain internet based info on hazard fuel mitigation

## **Contact Information**

Most current version of the All Lands/All Hands Action Plan posted on the KPB website:

www.borough.kenai.ak.us/SBB/all-lands/

CWPPs posted at:

http://www.kpb.us/emergency-mgmt/plans/cwpp

Refuge Notebook Article Sterling CWPP project

http://peninsulaclarion.com/outdoors/2017-01-26/refuge-notebook-sterling-gets-break-wildfire-risk