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Representative Ashley Carrick
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Dear Ms. Carrick:

Please accept the following as U.S. Army Garrison Alaska's (USAG Alaska) comment on the proposed Tanana Valley State Forest (TVSF) Management Plan and associated Land Classification Order (LCO) No. NC-24-002 through House Bill 218 and Senate Bill 188.

In addition to the proposed "State Forest" expansion areas in the TVSF Management Plan, USAG Alaska proposes that the State of Alaska converts the "Disposable Interest" areas D-22, D-23, and P-40 into "State Forest" along with the other properties in the TVSF Management Plan. These areas are located near proposed unit 8A, north of the Donnelly Training Area West (DTA W) and south of the Tanana River (see map enclosure).

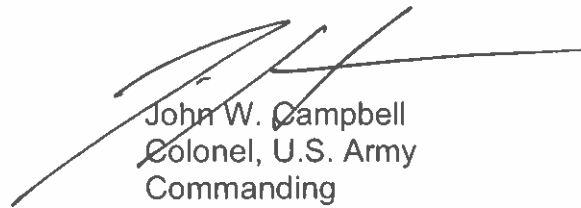
USAG Alaska is interested in these areas due to concerns regarding potential impact to the military's mission to train warfighters into a dominant force against our enemies. The area north of DTA W has been the location of many wildfires over the past 30 years, and wildfire is a limiting factor to military training. USAG Alaska, Alaska DNR Division of Forestry, Alaska DNR Division of Land Water and Mining, and BLM Alaska Fire Service have discussed several options for managing fire in this area to include more firebreaks, proposed changing fire management to Limited (less suppression and more monitoring of fires), and changing land management plans to reduce requirements to suppress fires in the area. Managing the area north of DTA W for forestry and wildlife objectives with limited land development in the area requires a passive, and more cost effective, approach to wildfire management. Converting the areas of concern to "State Forest" would alter the protection requirements of that land area, bringing them in line with the surrounding area's management requirements.

The areas of concern (D-22, D-23, and P-40) designated as "Disposable Interest" are in frequent wildfire danger. If settled by private landowners, these "Disposable Interest" areas would increase the need for exhaustive and timely fire suppression because there will be less distance between fires leaving DTA W and reaching private structures south of the Tanana River. Increasing private infrastructure north of DTA W will only increase the exhaustive resources needed to combat wildfire through a higher need for suppression. Therefore, USAG Alaska proposes converting the designated D-

22, D-23, and P-40 from "Disposable Interest" into "State Forest" in the TVSF Management Plan.

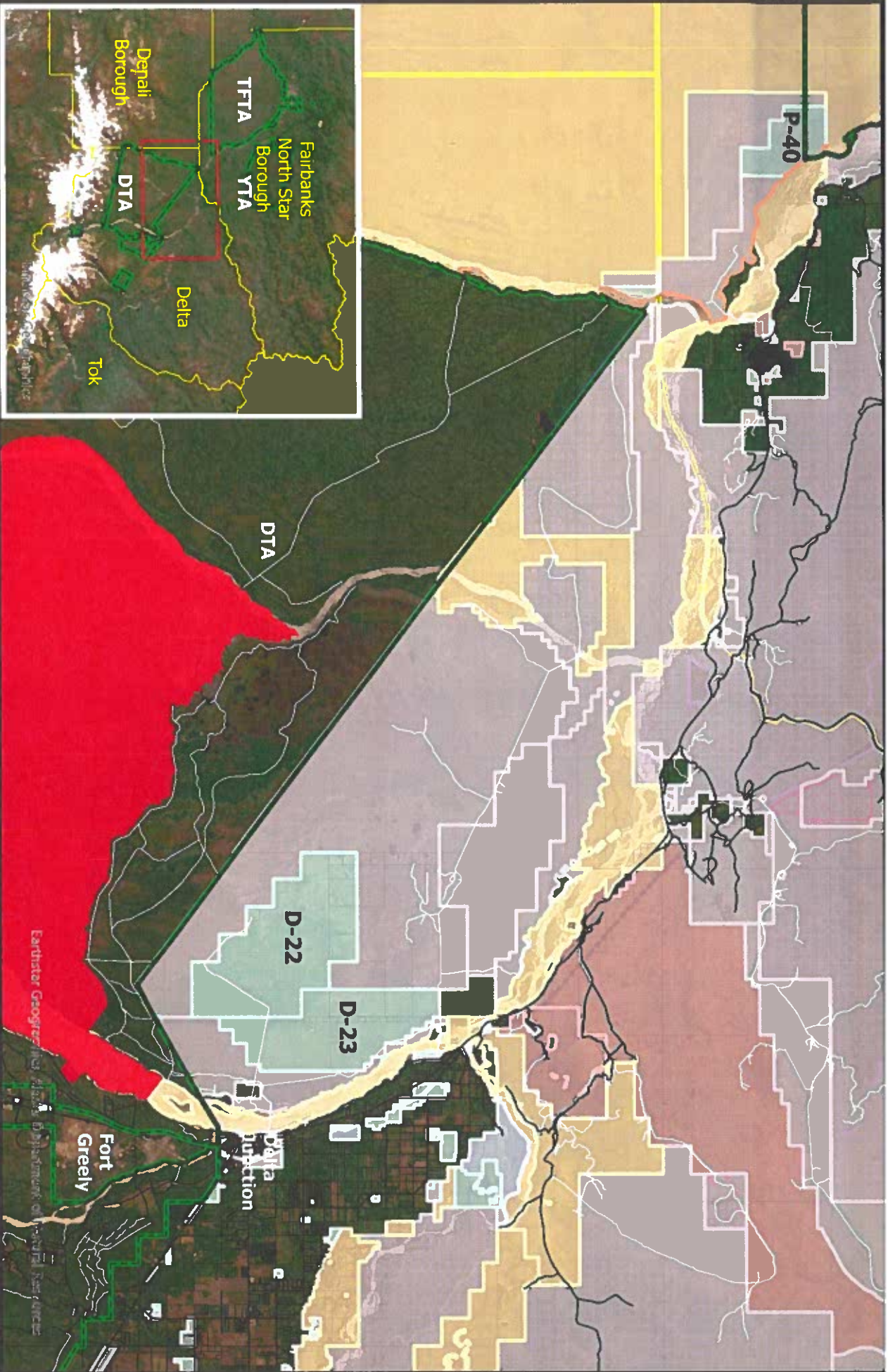
If you have concerns or questions about this comment, please contact Mr. Peter Baker, 907-361-6623, peter.a.baker8.civ@army.mil.

Sincerely,



John W. Campbell
Colonel, U.S. Army
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Enclosure



Enclosure 1:
TVSF Management Plan
September 2025

USAG ALASKA FORT WAINWRIGHT
 DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)
 ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION



- Installation Boundary
- Roads
- Firebreaks / Forestry Roads
- Impact Area
- Proposed State Forest
- Current State Forest
- Disposable Interest

State Land Designation

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