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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123

1 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance
 2 with AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

3 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 4 to read:

5 FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it is in the best interest of the state to change the
 6 name of the division of forestry to the division of forestry and fire protection to more
 7 accurately reflect the agency's responsibilities, which include both forestry and fire
 8 suppression.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.20.315 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 16.20.315. Bison range timber sales.** The Department of Natural
 11 Resources, division of forestry and fire protection, shall provide for the sale of
 12 timber in the Delta Junction bison range area in a manner that does not delay
 13 implementation of the game management plan required under AS 16.20.310.

14 * **Sec. 3.** AS 41.15.040(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) Upon approval by the commissioner or an authorized agent, an employee
 16 of the division of forestry and fire protection, or of any organization authorized to
 17 prevent, control, or suppress a fire or a destructive agent, and others assisting in the
 18 control or suppression of a fire upon request of an officer or employee of the United
 19 States or the state may, when responding to a wildland fire or suspected wildland fire
 20 or administering the provisions of this chapter, enter upon any land, whether publicly
 21 or privately owned, for the purpose of preventing, investigating, suppressing, or
 22 controlling a wildland fire or a destructive agent.

23 * **Sec. 4.** AS 41.15.310(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) The division of forestry and fire protection shall consult with the division
 25 of parks, the Department of Fish and Game, including each local fish and game
 26 advisory committee with jurisdiction in the area, and the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle

1 Preserve Advisory Council to promote effective, efficient, and coordinated
 2 administration of the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area and the Alaska
 3 Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve for the values for which each is established.

4 * **Sec. 5.** AS 41.17.020(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The governor may establish, within the department, a division of forestry
 6 **and fire protection** to carry out this chapter and other appropriate duties designated
 7 by the governor.

8 * **Sec. 6.** AS 41.17.950(5) is amended to read:

9 (5) "division" means the division of forestry **and fire protection**;

10 * **Sec. 7.** AS 41.21.620(b) is amended to read:

11 (b) The director of the division of parks and the director of the division of
 12 forestry **and fire protection** shall consult in the preparation of the management plan
 13 prepared under (a) of this section to promote effective, efficient, and coordinated
 14 administration of the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area and the Alaska
 15 Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve for the purposes and values for which each is established.

16 * **Sec. 8.** AS 41.21.625(d) is amended to read:

17 (d) The commissioner of fish and game, the director of the division of parks,
 18 and the director of the division of forestry **and fire protection**, or their designees,
 19 serve ex officio as members of the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory
 20 Council.

21 * **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 22 read:

23 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor of statutes is requested to change the catch
 24 line for AS 41.17.020 from "Division of forestry established" to "Division of forestry and fire
 25 protection established."

26 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2022.

DATED: _____

 Mike Dunleavy

Governor