



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

2018 Alaska Fire Season in Review

BLM Alaska Fire Service





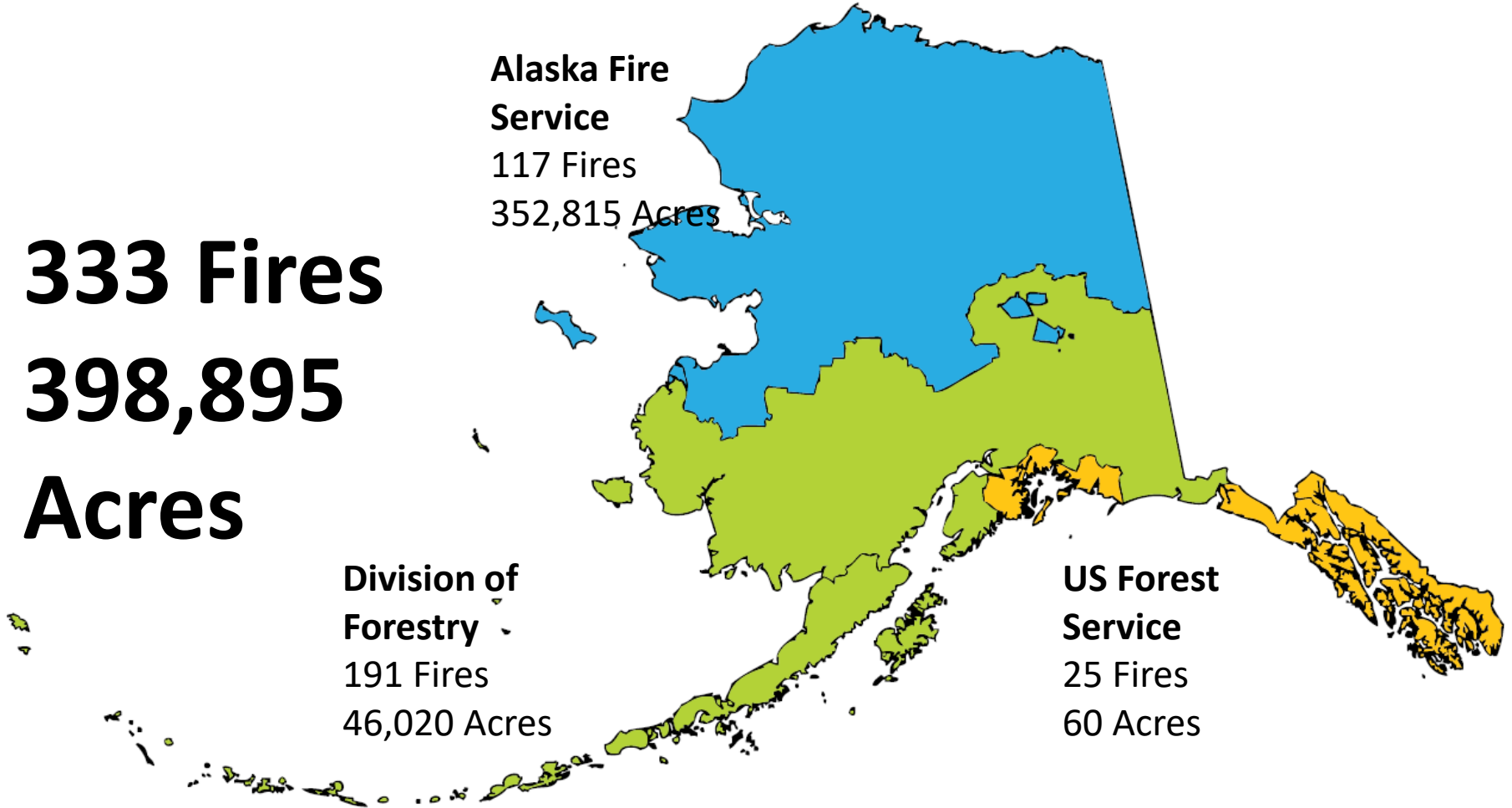
Fire Protection Areas

333 Fires
398,895
Acres

**Alaska Fire
Service**
117 Fires
352,815 Acres

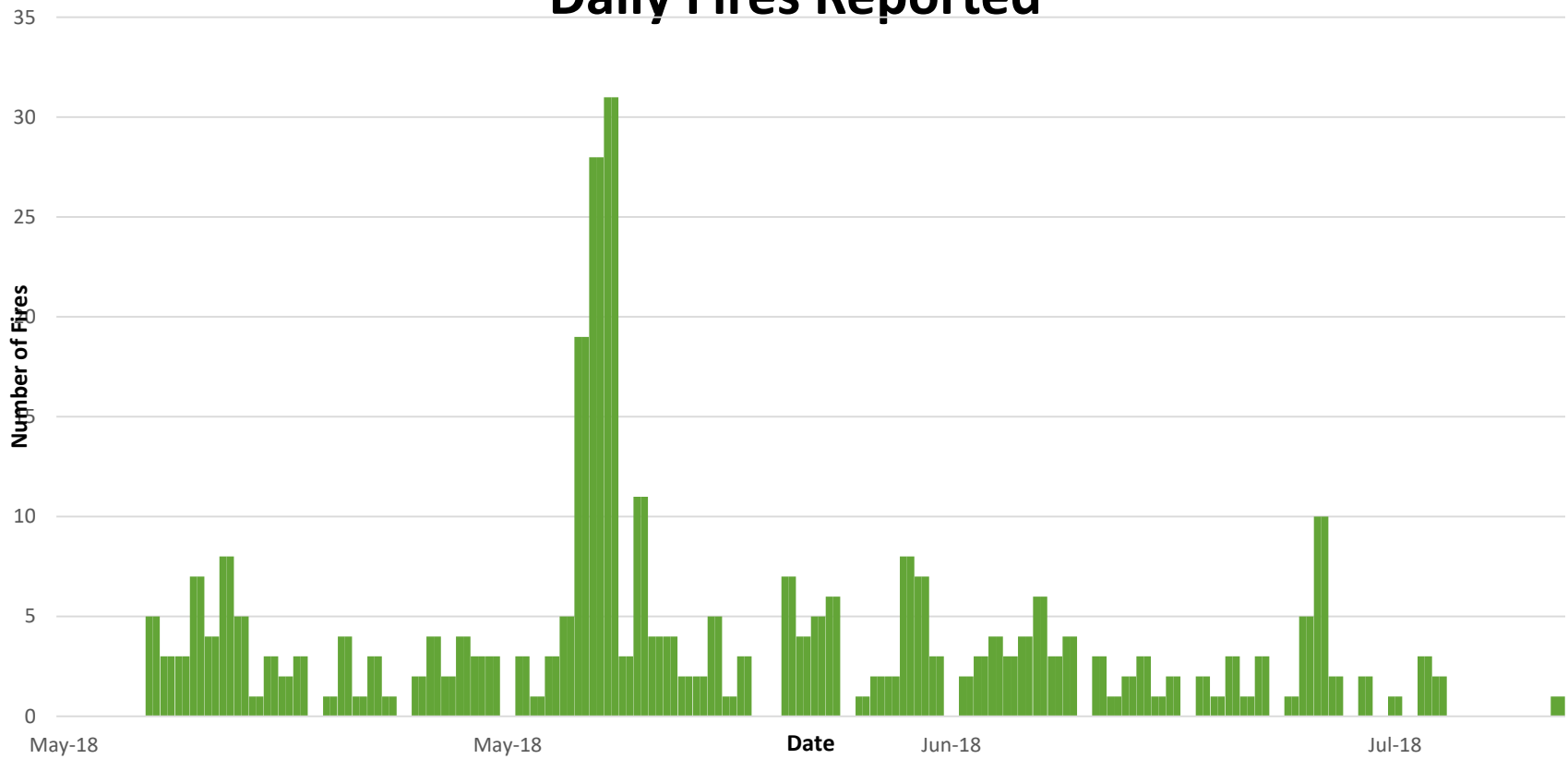
**Division of
Forestry**
191 Fires
46,020 Acres

**US Forest
Service**
25 Fires
60 Acres





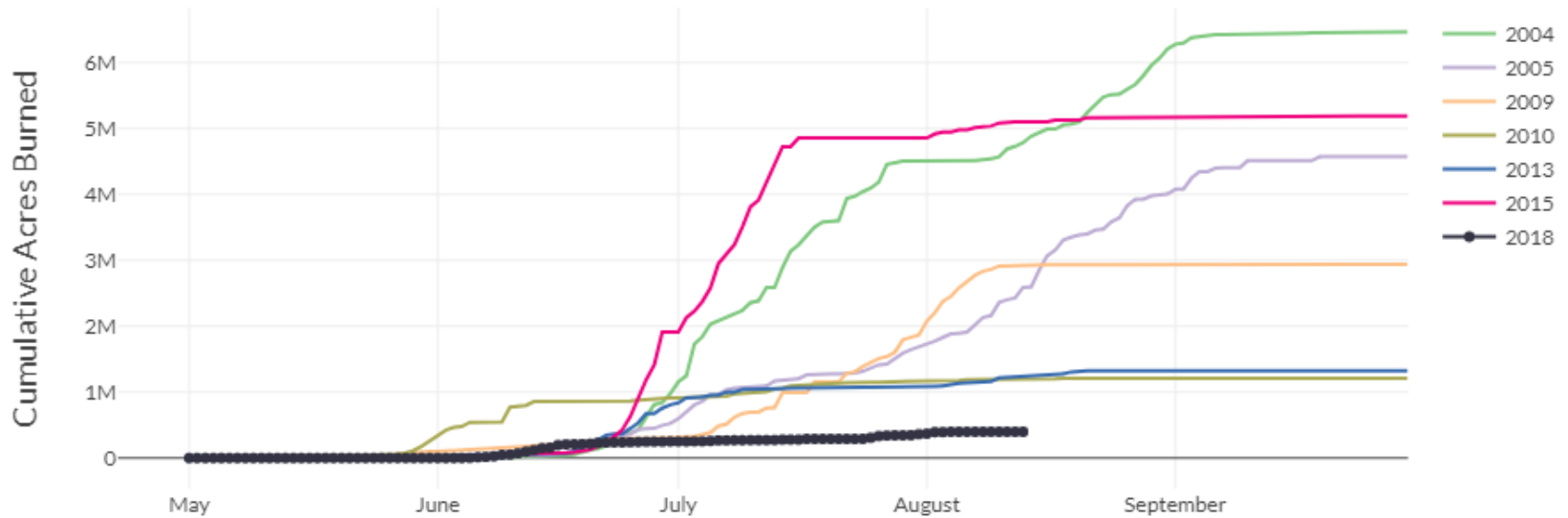
Daily Fires Reported





Fire Seasons in Comparison

Cumulative Acres Burned, May 1 - Sept 30



This graph compares the current year to all of the years when more than 1 million acres burned since daily tally records began in 2004.

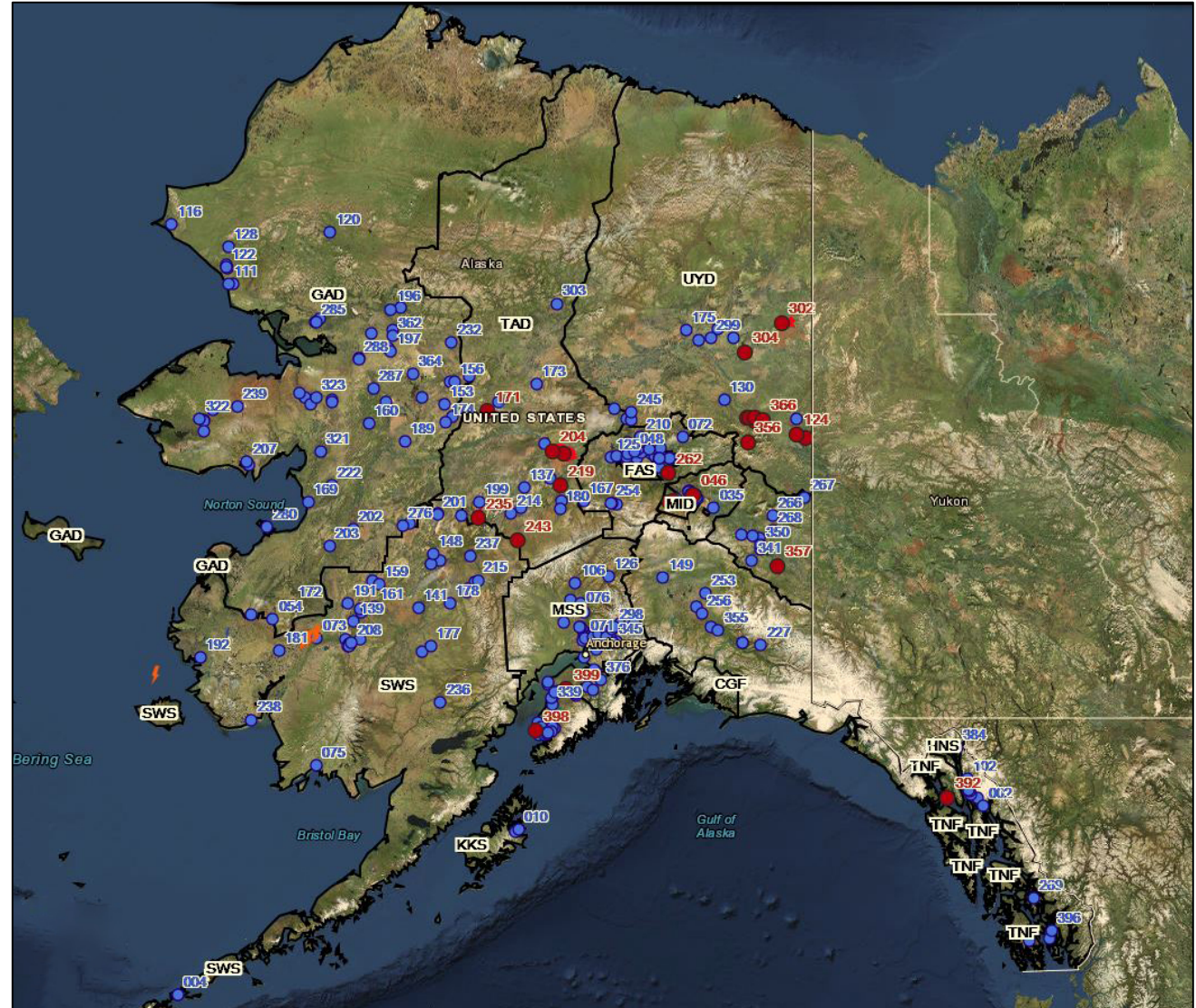
Source: [Alaska Interagency Coordination Center \(AICC\)](#).



2018 Fires in Alaska

Red dots:
24 remaining active
fires as of Sept. 5

Blue dots:
314 fires called out
as of Sept. 5





Emergency Firefighter Crews Update

- AFS currently has eight Type 2 EFF crews
- 23 Type 2 EFF crews in 2017
- One crew was assigned to an Alaska fire in 2018
- Five AFS crews on assignment in L48, potential for two more to go on next jet August 18



Contract Crews

The BLM AFS is soliciting for contracted Alaska Type 2 Wildland Fire Suppression Crews beginning in 2019. AFS may select multiple locations (villages) within the boundaries of the Upper Yukon, Tanana and Galena Fire Management Zones.



Statement of Work and requirement were posted August 6 on

- Fed Connect (fedconnect.net)
- Fed Biz Ops (fedbizopps.gov)



Aircraft Update for 2019

New Smokejumper Aircraft to be evaluated in late 2019 and all of 2020

- Dash 8 or similar pressurized airplane
- Significantly improved payload, range, and speed versus current CASA 212
 - 270 knots cruise speed vs 150 knots
 - 12 to 16 smokejumpers vs 8
 - 1300 nautical mile range 600 to 700



Aircraft Range

Legend

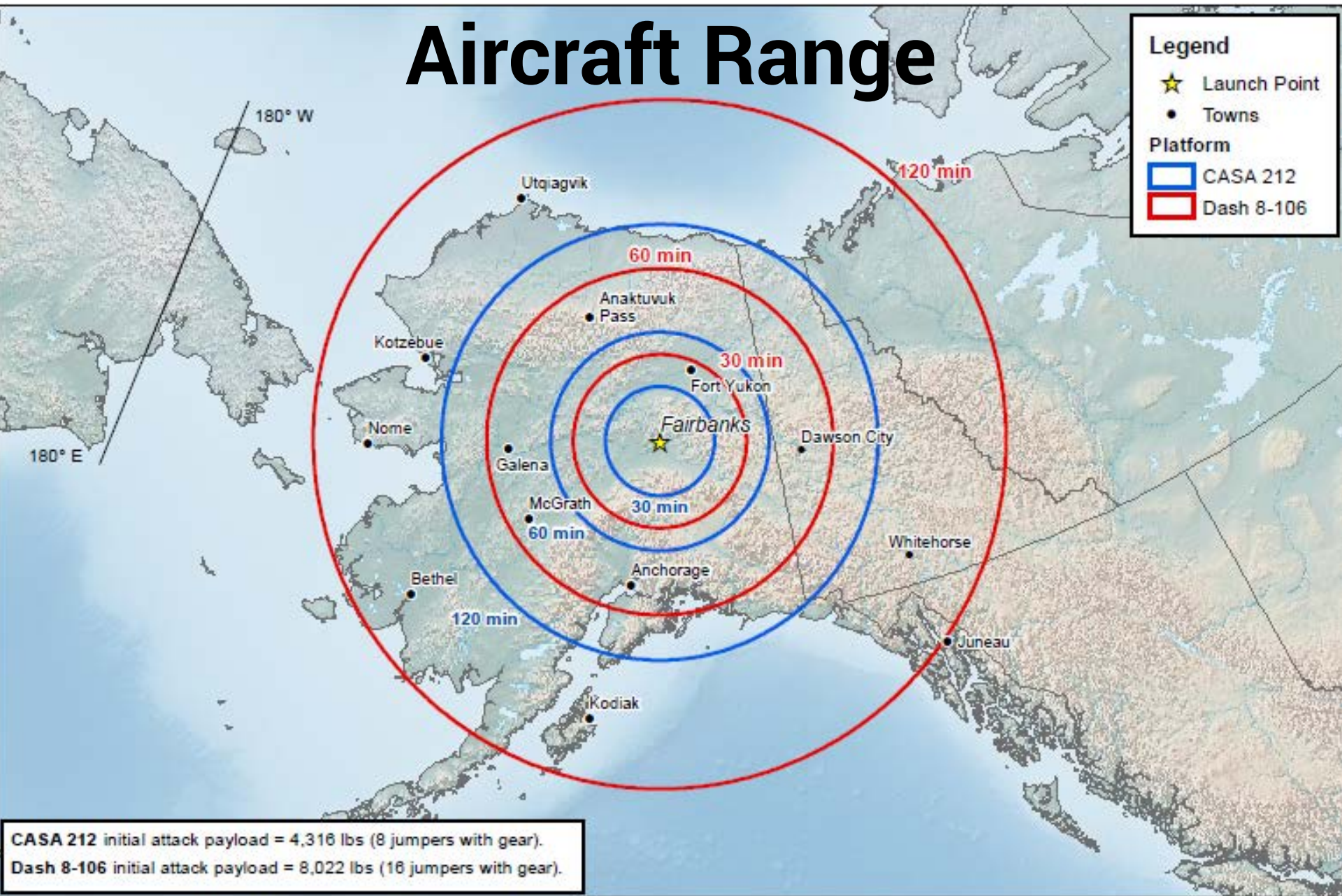
★ Launch Point

• Towns

Platform

□ CASA 212

□ Dash 8-106



CASA 212 initial attack payload = 4,316 lbs (8 jumpers with gear).
Dash 8-106 initial attack payload = 8,022 lbs (16 jumpers with gear).