

ADOT&PF Budget Reductions and Proposed Maintenance Camp Closures

Though it is early in the budget process, based on the proposed budget, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) will be closing or reducing operations at six maintenance camps. Here are some quick facts about the department's budget and frequently asked questions about the maintenance camp closures. The other side of this page includes a map showing the locations of maintenance camps throughout the state.

Frequently asked questions

Question: "If you close the maintenance station, will you close the road?" Answer: No. At the current proposed budget level, all roads will remain open but can expect to see an increase in response time to maintenance activities. Maintenance of the roads in the areas of the closed station will become the responsibility of nearby stations. For example: When the Birch Lake station closes, the Delta and Fairbanks stations will split the miles previously maintained by the Birch Lake station.

Question: "Are all maintenance personnel at the closed maintenance stations being laid off?" Answer: No. Not all positions will be laid off. Some positions will be transferred to nearby stations.

Question: Why are only maintenance and operations staff being cut? Answer: Maintenance and operations staff are state funded, other positions within the department are federally funded. Every state in the nation agrees to the same provisions when accepting

federal dollars. Federal funds may only be used to plan, design and construct state transportation infrastructure and the state must pay for the maintenance and operation of that infrastructure.

Question: Why are only rural maintenance stations being closed? Answer: We have evaluated all maintenance station closures within the Northern Region based upon the following criteria:

- Average daily traffic
- Lane miles per employee
- Storm severity
- Minimum staffing levels
- Adjacent stations
- Population served by the station
- Condition of the station
- Input from employees at all levels

After this review, the listed stations have been selected to minimize the impacts on all Alaskans while also allowing all roadways to remain open, which directly supports our mission to Keep Alaska Moving through Service and Infrastructure.

Budget facts

Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

Department wide:

- \$34.6 million reduction in general fund operations
- 96 positions eliminated
- Reduced equipment
- Reduced overtime funding

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget (Proposed)

Department wide:

- \$12.7 million reduction in general fund operations
- 52 positions eliminated
- Closing/reducing operations at six maintenance stations
- Reducing equipment



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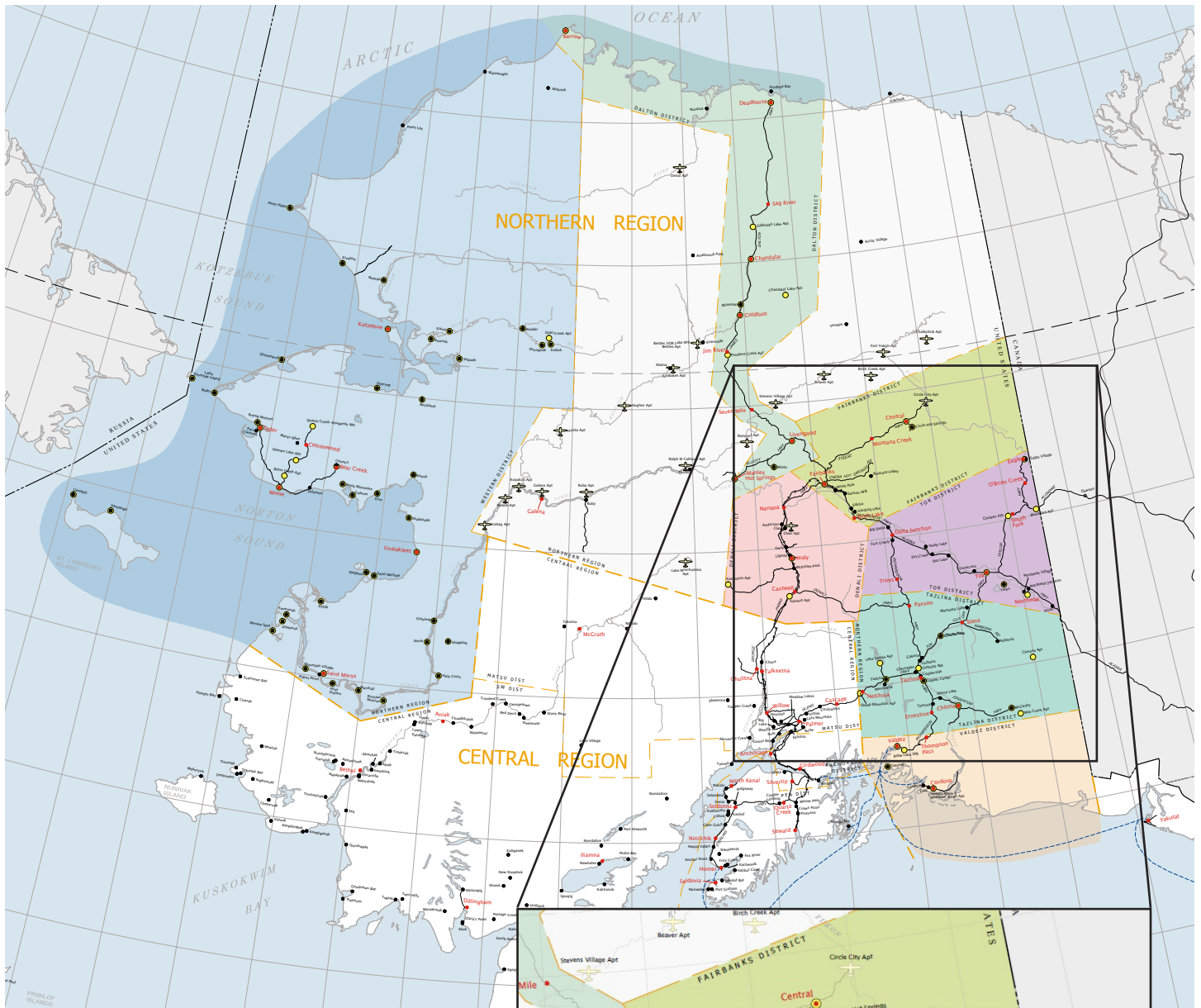
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ADOT&PF Maintenance Districts and Stations

