

**Appendix 2**  
**Exceptions to ANILCA 810 Evaluations**  
**Natural Fire and Fire Suppression**  
Compliance with ANILCA Section 810

ANILCA 810 applies when a Federal agency is attempting to withdraw, reserve, or lease public lands, or permit use. A decision in a planning document to suppress or not to suppress natural fire, or the implementation of that decision, is not a decision to withdraw, reserve, or lease public lands. Furthermore, no permits are issued, and natural fire is not, of itself, a use of land, but is an act of nature. A decision of whether or not to suppress a natural fire does not affect the legal permission to use the land.

Summary: The interagency planning for natural fire and fire suppression does not meet the threshold requirements to initiate a Section 810 Evaluation.

Note: Prescribed Burning **does** require a Section 810 Evaluation.