

Forestry office opens dispatch center in McGrath

The state Division of Forestry has increased its capabilities to fight wildfires in Southwestern Alaska with the opening of a new dispatch center in McGrath, according to State Forester Bob Dick.

The Department of Natural Resources' new southwest area forestry headquarters has up-to-date communication equipment and improved space for office staff. The 3,070 square-foot structure replaces an aging, overcrowded log building which was built in the early '50s as an equipment shed and later converted to an office.

The new \$580,000 headquarters office is at the south end of McGrath's main runway.