

Technical WorkGroup Meeting Q3 2013 TWG

RSP 7.7 Glacier and Runoff Changes - Update Sept. 25, 2013 Prepared by: Dr. Gabriel Wolken, Alaska Div. of Geological &

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- Completed Summer fieldwork including weather station servicing, seasonal ablation measurements, and the addition of five new mini-weather stations in the tundra
- Analyzed data from Spring fieldwork and used these in model calibration/validation runs
- Continued runoff model calibration and module development



Installation of new soil temperature probes at a shrub tundra weather station near upper Kosina Creek, June 2013

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Glacier ablation stake measurements on lower MacLaren Glacier (MAC3), September 2013

Mass Balance Validation Run (PRELIMINARY)





Installing an acoustic sensor for measuring/monitoring snow/ice surface change on West Fork Glacier (ESR1), Spring 2013.

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Precipitation and real Evapotranspiration at Susitna River near Denali, Basin Area 2215 km2



Rain and Snow fall in the Basin draining into Susitna River near Denali





Modeled mean Temperature in the Basin draining into Susitna River near Denali



Calibration Run (PRELIMINARY): 3-year Mean Water Balance for Denali Sub-Basin



Runoff Contributions at

Estimated Glacier runoff contribution Clarke (1986) = 34 %

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RSP 7.7 – Variances

There are no variances to this study plan



RSP 7.7 – Next Steps

- Finish Fall fieldwork (in progress)
 - Mass balance measurements and data retrieval
 - Weather station data retrieval and maintenance
- QA/QC and Analyze All Summer 2013 Data
- Ingest 2013 field data into model framework for model calibration/validation runs
- Continue runoff model module development
- Continue work on glacier extent and volume change