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To: District Manager, CDD and All Field Office Managers
(Attention - District/Regional and Field Office FMO's)

From: DSD, Support Services

Subject: Fire Management Direct Protection Area Statewide Review

DD: 9/15/03

The *Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement* between the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (4-Party Agreement) is the primary mechanism that provides the framework for wildland fire protection responsibilities statewide. Through this mechanism the state has been divided into practical "Direct Protection Areas" (DPA's) corresponding with each agency's responsibility. In addition to annual updates, periodic statewide reviews of this protection scheme are required.

We are asking that each of you perform a thorough review of your BLM DPA and send your recommendations for changes, with the supporting documentation, to Doug Waggoner, by September 15, 2003. The November 1999 DPA maps you have are the most current version of your DPA. Digital DPA boundaries are available at the State Office if you don't have the hardcopy maps. We can also mail you hardcopies if needed. The process for recommending modifications is one of consensus with your local partner agencies. Please work with local CDF Units, National Parks, and Forests to produce a single recommendation. The following should be considered

- Easily Identifiable DPA Lines - Where practical utilize identifiable geographic features such as roads, ridges, drainages and trails. Avoid section lines if possible.
- Ownership and National Land Conservation System designations (i.e. Monuments, etc).

The forests in Region 5 have already been provided with CDs that show shape files for ownership, DPA, and SRA (These data are based on the original 1998 Teale maps). Where BLM units adjoin national forests in California, please cooperate with the USFS to submit changes to DPA through the USFS by **September 15, 2003**.

In cases where BLM adjoin lands managed by other jurisdictions (NPS, CDF) changes to DPA should be submitted as hardcopy changes on 7 and ½ minute quad maps or digital files created with your GIS Specialist. The hardcopy changes will be digitized at the state level.

It is our goal to make decisions on the DPA proposals January 1, 2004. Complete sets of final maps will be distributed to the field by April 1, 2004. If you have any questions regarding this process, contact Doug Waggoner at 916-978-4437. If you have any GIS questions, please contact Victoria Smith, State Fire GIS Lead, at 916-978-4428.

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