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Instruction Memorandum No. **CA-2009-005**
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To: CA Desert District and Field Office Managers
Attention: Field Office FMO's

From: DSD, Support Services

Subject: Questionnaire for the Statewide Evaluation of the Radio Backbone Network System
DD: 11/30/08

Purpose: This IM distributes the Radio Users Questionnaire and provides guidance in the process of collecting evaluation criteria.

Background: As specified in Instructional Memorandum No. CA-2008-023, the State Telecommunication Manager and the State Fire Management Officer were directed to do a statewide review of the radio coverage for BLM California. In order to implement this review in an efficient, timely manner a two tired approach will be utilized.

Timeframe: Complete the review by November 30, 2008.

Policy/Action: The initial step will be to have the current radio users fill out the attached questionnaire which will help identify site specific areas where there is inadequate radio coverage. Once these areas are identified and compiled, a small group consisting of the State Telecommunication Manager, the local Telecommunication Specialist, and personnel from the National Office (Radio Program) will use a new ground base technology (STI 9400-Field Test 6 RF propagation software) to field test the actual radio coverage of the areas identified in the survey.

Based on the results of the field information (the size or extent of the non-coverage areas) alternatives will be developed to remedy the situation. Please ensure your field going personnel (law enforcement, fire, recreation, etc.) participate in this review process. We would like to have the initial field survey/comments back to the State Office by November 30th. If you have any questions concerning this issue please contact either Dexter Dearth at (916) 978-4557, or Craig Barnes at (916) 978-4433.

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Attachment – Radio Users Questionnaire (1 pg)

A. Radio Users

Questions/Checklist	Yes	No	Comments
Do you feel that your state radio system provides adequate coverage for you to perform your duties safely and efficiently? If the answer is no, please use the space below to identify the site specific locations where radio coverage is inadequate. Use road numbers, mile post, lat./long. etc. to help us with this evaluation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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