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To: State Management Team
From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources
Subject: Fire Management Planning Training

Attached is a Preliminary Course Outline of the Fire Management Planning (FMP) training that will be given by the National Office of Fire and Aviation, October 20-21, 2003, at the Boothill Inn located at 242 East Airport Road. The training will begin at 1 p.m. in their conference room located on the main floor. The target audience is Fire Management Officers, Interdisciplinary Team Leaders, non-fire resource specialists, and GIS staff from each zone. Fire will pay the per diem costs for three non-fire people out of each zone.

Each zone should bring with them a customized draft FMP and sample Fire Management Unit (FMU) matrix tables that were sent out by John Thompson for your zone. Randy Schardt will make a presentation on making a template for the mapping of the polygons for the FMUs.

We are also planning a presentation by the National Office of Fire and Aviation on the FMP process to BLM management at our post season fire review meeting in Butte scheduled for November 12-13, 2003.

Questions on this training should be directed to Pat Mullaney at 406-896-2915. To make reservations at the Boothill Inn, call 1-866-266-8445. The motel airport shuttle van can be reached by calling 406-245-2000.

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1 Attachment
1-Preliminary Course Outline (1 p)

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FMP Managers Session

Goal: Increase management's understanding of the Fire Management Planning requirements and associated workload issues and concerns for Fiscal Year 2004.

Target Audience: Those responsible for making sure the FMP is completed and the performance measures are met and those responsible for national policy coordination to manage multidiscipline workload (FC, DSD, Field Office Managers, WO Program Leads, State FMOs)

Why are we here?

- LUP-FMP-FPA
- Compliance with Federal Fire Policy
- Strategies for resolving missing guidance (decisions)
- Different timelines/issues (within fire and other initiatives)
- BLM planning process

Why revise our FMPs?

- The Vision
- NEPA (and ESA/NHPA/etc.)
- Interagency plans and other agency guidance

How do we manage this workload?

- Funding
- Timing – disconnect among initiatives
 1. Sage grouse/brush BMPs due November 2004, FMP due September 2004
 2. TSPs
 3. On-going LUP revisions and amendments
 4. Not started LUP amendments needed

What are the coordination needs with multiple resource specialists/programs?

- Resources input needed
- What to do if you don't have already decided resource goals and objectives?
- Will you need to do NEPA?
- What is an example of an objective needed for FPA?

What is the fit with the BLM budget process?

What is the bottomline for September 30, 2004?

- Strategy options?

What is the purpose of the FMP session?

1. Short-term goal: Provide knowledge and understanding of template to allow Field Offices to develop Fire Management Plans (FMP) by September 30, 2004.
2. Success: All FMPs completed in template format, with at a minimum quantifiable suppression response objectives by September 30, 2004.
3. Long-term goal: All FMPs are interagency plans following the template format.