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To: District Manager: Burns
From: State Director
Subject: Wildland Fire Use Program 2007

Based on the annual pre-season meeting held June 26, 2007, the Burns District appears to be well prepared for implementing Wildland Fire Use (WFU) within the applicable Fire Management Units as outlined in your Fire Management Plan.

In order for the State Office to provide maximum support to the District, your staff must coordinate and share information with the State Office/Regional Office (SORO) Fire and Aviation Management staff. Though you have delegated authority for implementing WFU, I ask that the following procedures be used:

1. Submit copies of all approved Stage I and II Wildland Fire Implementation Plans (WFIPs) to the SORO duty officer (Assistant Director for Operations).
2. Notify the SORO duty officer at the earliest indication that a wildland fire may be elevated to Stage III status and submit copies of all approved Stage III WFIPs.

The process for approving wildland fire use at preparedness levels IV and V is as follows:

Preparedness Level IV – the District Manager recommends the candidate WFU incident to the State Director, who must assess the risks and potential impacts and consult with the geographic area Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC). The geographic area MAC group provides information or perspectives to the State Director on whether to approve the candidate fire or not; however, the actual decision rests with the State Director. The State Director may delegate this decision to another person.

Preparedness Level V – the District Manager recommends the candidate WFU incident to the State Director, who concurs or not after consulting with the geographic area MAC group. If the State Director concurs, the candidate fire is recommended to the national BLM representative at the National Interagency Fire Center, who will assess risk and

impacts of the proposed action and consult with the national MAC group. The national MAC group provides information or perspectives to the BLM representative; however, the final decision rests with that representative.

I ask that you also submit electronic photographs of the fires when we are in Preparedness Level IV and V as these greatly aid the decision process.

I am pleased by the quality of the fire management program on the Burns District and look forward to the initiation of a WFU program on the District and within Oregon/Washington BLM.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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