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To: Field Managers and Center Managers
Attn: Fire Management Officers, Fire Ecologists and Fuel Specialists

From: State Director

Subject: Wildland Fire Use Policy

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) issues Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wildland Fire Use Guide that supplements and clarifies guidance issued in the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy. Specifically for: the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Management Policy Implementation Procedures Reference Guide (Implementation Guide) of August 1998.

Policy/Action: This IM issues guidance that clarifies and strengthens the Implementation Guide with specific emphasis on BLM lands within the State of Colorado. Specifically, this IM includes the use of the Wildland Fire Use Relative Risk Rating, Fire Use Manager Needs Determination, Fire Use Management Team Assessment graphs and templates that were adopted for optional use for the 2004 fire season by the Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group.

The Implementation Guide will remain the foundation for the management of wildland fire use on federal lands across the nation until otherwise modified or rescinded.

Questions regarding this should be directed to Mike Frary, State Office Fire Ecologist at 970-878-3820.

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4 Attachments

- 1-CO-BLM Wildland Fire Use (33 pp)
- 2-RMA-FUMA Needs Assessment Pt.1 (1 pp)
- 2-RMA-FUMA Needs Assessment Pt.2 (1 pp)
- 2-RMA-FUMT Needs Assessment (1 pp)