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Memorandum

To: State Fire Management Officer, BLM CO
State Aviation Manager, BLM CO
Fire Management Officer, BLM UCR

From: Chief, Aviation Division

Subject: Cargo Letdown Approval Continuation, Rifle

The National Office approves the continuation of the Cargo Letdown Program in Rifle. This approval allows for internal cargo letdown operations only, external cargo letdown (off the hook) operations are not authorized. Approval will be limited to the 2009 - 2012 field seasons. Subsequent approval must be requested for the 2013 field season and justified based on proper utilization and validation of continued need. BLM cargo letdown operations will adhere to the policy and procedures outlined within the Interagency Helicopter Rappel Guide and the BLM National Aviation Plan.

As part of this approval, we request that the Field Office supply us with the following documents at the end of each field season:

- 1) Year end statistical data on form "BLM Annual Helitack Data Master V2'1 (02/08/08).xls". The form is available for download on the BLM National Aviation Office website at: <http://aviation.blm.gov/airops.htm> , Aircraft Operations, Helicopters.

Please contact Bryan Bitting, National Helicopter Program Manager at (208) 387-5173 if you have questions or require assistance.

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