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From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation  
Subject: National Aviation Plan

**Program Area:** Aviation Management.

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents the National Aviation Plan for 2009. This plan fulfills the departmental manual requirements outlined in 350 DM1, Appendix 3. This plan sets the standards that will be aviation policy during 2009.

**Policy/Action:** This plan has been developed to provide standardization and policy for all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) aviation programs. While this document is BLM specific, it does incorporate interagency standards.

**Time Frame:** This IM is effective upon receipt.

**Budget Impact:** This plan does not impact budget elements.

**Background:** The National Aviation Office has identified the need for a cohesive National Aviation Management Plan that will allow all State, Field Offices, and aviation users to easily acquire the necessary information and policy to operate a BLM Aviation program.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** The National Aviation Plan supplements the BLM Manual 9400, Aviation Management. Washington Office, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This document was coordinated with all participating BLM State Aviation Managers.

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