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To: All Field Offices
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation
Subject: Nominations for the Wildland Fire Operations On-the-Job Training Program

This Information Bulletin provides Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees an opportunity to gain operational wildland fire experience and complete position task books. Trainees must meet training and qualification requirements for the position for which they are seeking experience, and have a position task book initiated.

The BLM Fire Training Unit coordinates with field offices and other agencies to find assignments for candidates. Assignments are made based on the priorities of the sending unit and the particular trainee's needs such as position, fuel type, and availability.

The nomination process is accessible online and can be found at the BLM Fire Training Unit website at:
http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/training/fire_training/training_programs/opsojt.html.

All nominations are **due to the BLM Training Unit by June 1, 2010**. The BLM Training Unit will contact State Fire Management Officers (SFMOs) for a priority list when there is more than one nomination from that state. Nominations will be accepted after June 1, but will receive lower prioritization.

The trainee's home unit is responsible for covering base eight labor costs. Other costs (travel, per diem, and overtime) will be covered by the requesting incident. In rare cases, funding for travel costs and per diem may be available from the BLM Training Unit.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Mike Ellsworth, BLM Fire Training Unit, 208-387-5985 or email michael_ellsworth@nifc.blm.gov.

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