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From: Acting Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

Subject: Career Training Opportunity—Technical Fire Management (TFM), 2011-12
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Fire and Aviation is providing notice of an educational opportunity for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire management employees. The Technical Fire Management program offered by the Washington Institute and Humboldt State University is designed to improve technical proficiency in several areas of fire management. Course subjects include math, statistics, economics, fuels and fire behavior, fire effects, fire and land management, and a TFM final project. The TFM program is targeted at fire career and career conditional employees who seek advancement in fire program management.

Tuition: All costs, including tuition, travel, and per diem, will be covered by the local unit or state office. Tuition is \$9,900 per student and must be paid in advance of the first course start date. Tuition includes the cost of all course material except laptop computers which must be furnished by the student. Attendees are required to sign an agreement that they will repay tuition costs to their local or state office should they fail to complete the program.

Application: Interested employees should apply through their state fire management officer by April 15, 2011. State fire management officers are requested to forward a prioritized applicant list to the BLM Fire Training Unit at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) no later than April 29, 2011.

Availability: The BLM has 13 of 45 available TFM student slots. One slot each will be allocated to Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Washington, and BLM NIFC. Unused slots will be offered to other states.

Additional information is located in the attachments to this bulletin and on the BLM Fire Training website:

http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/training/fire_training/training_programs/tfm.html.

Please refer questions to Ted Mason, BLM Fire Training Unit Leader, (208) 387-5334, or Ted_Mason@nifc.blm.gov.

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4 Attachments

- 1 – TFM General Program Information and Application Guidelines (2 pp)
- 2 – TFM Application (1 p)
- 3 – TFM Program Completion Agreement (1 p)
- 4 – TFM Entrance Examination (4 pp)

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