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To: DSD's, District Manager, CDD and All Field Office Managers
(*Attention - District/Regional and Field Office FMO's*)

From: State Director

Subject: Minimum Age Requirements for Hazardous Duty Assignments on Wildland Fire
Management Operations on Federal Jurisdictions

This Instruction Memorandum provides direction to California Bureau of Land Management (BLM) personnel regarding the Bureau's policy on minimum age requirements for hazardous duty assignments on wildland fire management operations on lands under federal jurisdiction, reference OF&A IM 2003-043. California BLM will not utilize California Department of Forestry (CDF) crews with persons under 18 years old on wildland fire suppression operations on BLM Direct Protection Areas (DPA). This specifically affects 2 -3 crews that CDF utilizes. These crews are located at the Los Robles Camp, California Youth Authority, in Paso Robles. We have contacted CDF and the Southern and Northern Geographical Area Coordination Centers to assist in ensuring these crews are not dispatched to BLM DPA fires. It is imperative we monitor resource orders and crew assignments on our incidents to maintain compliance with this new policy.

This is effective as of the date of this IM. If you have any questions regarding this issue, contact Doug Waggoner, Branch of Fire and Aviation, at 916-978-4437.

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