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To: All Field Managers
Attn: Field Office Archaeologists

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources

Subject: Interagency Traditional Gathering Policy

Attached is the California State Director and Pacific Southwest Regional Forester Traditional Gathering Policy. The policy was signed on November 29, 2006, and through an oversight on our part was not promptly generated to the field through an Instruction Memorandum.

The purpose of this policy is to promote consistency between the Forest Service and BLM in support of traditional gathering of culturally utilized plants. This policy also emphasizes local collaboration, implementation, and issue resolution. We think our policy will also help strengthen our relationship with Tribes and promote the management for culturally important plants.

With your assistance and involvement, we will be working over the next year to implement this policy. Over the next year, the policy will be incorporated as a California supplement to the 8120 Section of our BLM Manual.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken Wilson, State Archaeologist and Tribal Liaison, at (916) 978-4648.

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Attachment – Interagency Traditional Gathering Policy (5 p)