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To: All District Managers

From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use, and Protection

Subject: Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Meeting

The Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) program has been in an almost constant state of flux for the past several years. The still changing ESR Handbook, ESR plan format, and Departmental Manual, as well as the 2822 budget crisis, and the reforestation issue has affected all districts in Oregon/Washington in one way or another.

As a result, we are going to have a Fire Rehabilitation Workshop at the Lakeview District Office during the week of May 19, 2003. Tentative topics to be discussed are the latest ESR Handbook draft and plan format, Government Accounting Office (GAO) audit, 2822 funding, National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System, Native Plant Materials Program, new policies, etc. The district has also agreed to host a day-long field trip to view some of their fire rehabilitation efforts.

The workshop will be geared toward those resource specialists who must correctly prepare and submit district ESR plans to the State Office/Washington Office for funding approval. It is our hope that the participants will become more aware of the new demands that policy dictates and be better prepared for the upcoming fire season.

In addition, all districts that have submitted ESR plans within the last several years and have been monitoring rehabilitation results are asked to prepare a "Lessons Learned" presentation for the workshop. The intent is to share what worked and what did not work. This topic is a significant criticism of the Bureau's ESR program in the GAO audit and is "strongly encouraged" in the current ESR Handbook.

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An agenda and a request for the tentative number of attendees from your district will be coming out soon. If you have any questions, please contact Clif Fanning at 503-808-6053.

**Districts with Unions** are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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