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To: District Managers: Burns and Prineville  
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection  
Subject: Wildland Fire Use

I understand that it is your intent to begin implementing Wildland Fire Use (WFU) on a portion of your District during the 2006 fire season. In order for the State Office to provide maximum support to the District, your staff must coordinate and share information with the State Office/Regional Office (SORO) Fire and Aviation Management staff. Though you have been delegated authority for implementing WFU, I ask that the following procedures be used:

1. Submit copies of all approved Stage I and II Wildland Fire Implementation Plans (WFIPs) to the SORO duty officer (Assistant Director for Operations).
2. Notify the SORO duty officer at the earliest indication that a wildland fire may be elevated to Stage III status and submit copies of all approved Stage III WFIPs.

During national and geographic area preparedness levels IV and V, you must obtain my concurrence on all Strategic Fire Size-Ups and GO decisions prior to your approval. This concurrence is necessary to link geographic area and national fire situations to WFIPs.

The process for approving wildland fire use at preparedness levels IV and V is as follows:

**Preparedness level IV** – The District Manager recommends candidate WFU incidents to the State Director, who must assess the risks and potential impacts and consult with the geographic area Multi-Area Coordinating (MAC) group. The geographic area MAC group provides information or perspectives on whether to approve the candidate fire or not; however, the actual decision rests with the State Office.

**Preparedness level V** – The District Manager recommends the candidate WFU incident to the State Director. If the State Director concurs, the candidate fire is recommended to the national Bureau of Land Management (BLM) representative on the national MAC. The national MAC group will assess risks and impacts of the proposed action, and provide information or perspectives to the BLM representative, who makes the final decision.

I would also like to remind you that ‘natural outs’ can be designed and reported as Wildland Fire Use provided, 1) they occurred within an area where wildland fire use has been deemed both suitable in the Resource Management Plan and available in the Fire Management Plan and, 2) the fire meets Wildland Fire Use objectives. Report these fires using standard forms as Wildland Fire Use incidents and you have the option of reporting them in the National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System as wildland fire use accomplishment.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Ken Snell at 503-808-2136 or Louisa Evers at 503-808-6377.

**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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