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To: Forest Supervisors, CRGNSA Manager, and District Managers

Subject: Fuel Treatment Effectiveness

Reply Due October 26, 2007

The National Fire Plan has been our guidance for seven years. With it came an increased emphasis on fuel treatments to reduce risk of wildfire to communities and the environment. From 2001 through 2006, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service (FS) in the Pacific Northwest have accomplished over 1.3 million acres of treatment. We know that wildfires have impacted fuel treatment areas, with generally positive results, but we have only some anecdotal documentation. To better understand the effects hazardous fuel treatments have had on changing fire behavior, fire severity and fire suppression effectiveness, we intend to document these effects resulting from 2007 wildfires.

The Regional Office/State Office is taking the lead in documenting the effects of a subset of the 2007 Type I and II wildfires that impacted fuel treatments. Those forests and the BLM districts that hosted these fires are already working with our office on this assessment. In addition, we are asking you to document all 2007 Type III, IV and V wildfires that impacted fuels treatments on your units.

These data are important for several reasons. First, we need to validate that treatments have been effective. Second, we need baseline data from which to measure future improvement in the fuels reduction program. Third, we need to document what we have learned from these events to adjust future treatment prescriptions. Finally, we need to share successes with our partners, the public and congressional representatives.

The documentation form with instructions is attached. Please fill out the one page form electronically for each Type V, IV, or III fire that started in or impacted fuels treatments and email the form to Steve Harbert for BLM units and Tim Rich for FS units by October 26, 2007.

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Attachment

1 – [Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring](#) (2pp)

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