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To: District Managers, Field Managers and Fire Management Officers

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

Subject: Oregon/Washington Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews DD: 07/05/2014

Program Area: Wildland Fire Preparedness

Purpose: The 2014 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book), Chapter 2, requires pre-season Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews be conducted by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managers at the national, state, district, field office and/or resource area level annually.

Policy Action: In Oregon and Washington, individual State Office/Regional Office (SORO) led Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews rotate annually, with the national review every fourth year. For 2014, a review will be conducted for western Oregon districts: Medford, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Eugene and Salem. These reviews will begin in late May or early June. A final itinerary will be sent to each participating district prior to the review.

The preparedness review schedule for the remaining districts in Oregon and Washington will be as follows:

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Salem Eugene Coos Bay Roseburg Medford	Lakeview Prineville	Burns Vale Spokane	National Review	Salem Eugene Coos Bay Roseburg Medford	Lakeview Prineville	Burns Vale Spokane

Reviews will be completed using the standard Fire and Aviation Preparedness Review Guide and checklists, which can be viewed and/or downloaded at:

http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/preparedness/preparedness_review.html

The team leader for the 2014 Western Oregon District review is Joe Krish, SORO Fire Operations Specialist. The success of this review depends on the support from the district office and SORO. The SORO fire staff will solicit nominees for the review team in the following subject matter areas:

- Line Management
- Fire Management
- Fire Operations
- Incident Business
- Fire Safety
- Fire Training
- Radio Program
- Aviation Management
- Warehouse/Fire Facilities
- Dispatch Operations

All per diem and any overtime accrued for BLM team members will be paid by the Oregon/Washington State Office.

Additionally, each district that is not participating in either a national or state level review, must complete an annual, internal review of their respective programs by June 28, 2014, and submit completed checklists to Joe Krish by July 5, 2014. District fire management officers are encouraged to enlist the aid of experts from adjoining fire management units to assist in these reviews.

Any questions regarding these reviews should be directed to Joe Krish, SORO Fire Operations Specialist, at (503) 808-6559, or jkrish@blm.gov.

Timeframe: Effective immediately. Line officers will ensure that preparedness reviews are conducted within areas of their responsibility and they are aware of the results prior to July 5, 2014.

Budget Impact: Costs may be incurred as a result of conducting the various state and unit level preparedness reviews. Costs should be considered a standard part of providing oversight for wildland fire management programs at the state and unit level and covered within current budget allocations.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None. Direction follows that outlined in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book), Chapter 2.

Contact: For questions related to this memorandum, contact Jeff Fedrizzi, State Fire Management Officer, at (503) 808-6461, or jfedrizz@blm.gov.

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 with assistance in this matter.

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