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To: District Managers and Fire Management Officers: Burns, Spokane and Vale District
From: OR/WA State Fire Management Officer
Subject: Oregon/Washington Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews

Program Area: Wildland Fire Preparedness.

Purpose: The 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, and Field Office 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 2016, a State level review will be conducted at Burns, Spokane, and Vale Districts. The dates for the Burns review have been set for June 6 through June 10, 2016. The dates for the Vale review are June 14 through June 17, 2016. The Spokane review is set for June 21 through June 24, 2016.

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 leaders for the 2016 District reviews are Joe Krish and Steve Rawlings, SORO Fire Operations Specialists. The success of this review depends on the coordination and support between the District Office and SORO. The SORO fire staff will solicit nominees from neighboring districts/forests 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 travel for team members will be paid by SORO.

Any questions regarding these reviews should be directed to Joe Krish, Steve Rawlings, or Bobbie Scopa at SORO.

Additional information, such as agenda and meeting locations will be developed in coordination with the District fire staff. This will be shared with agency administrators as soon as it is developed.

Timeframe: Effective immediately. Line officers will ensure that preparedness reviews are conducted within areas of their responsibility and will be made aware of the results during each district closeout.

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 State Fire Management Officer Jeff Fedrizzi at (503) 808-6461 or by email at 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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