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The safety and health of our employees is the number one priority of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). As we pursue maintaining a safety culture within the fire program, it is important to recognize individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to firefighter safety. The 2008 fire season was not as active in most geographic areas, with California being notable exception. Firefighters traveled to California and spent many hours in support of the heavy fire activity. Fire managers and their staffs also accomplished important fuels reduction efforts and other program priority projects. The number of exposure hours for Bureau firefighters and support personnel remained high and our safety record was commendable. Many significant contributions were made by managers, fire staff and firefighters to ensure that safety was not compromised.

The National Wildland Fire Safety Award recognizes significant contributions made to the improvement of firefighter safety and to the enhancement of the safety culture within the fire program, as well as to outstanding leadership in promoting fire safety.

Nominations should include: nominee's name and title, office address, telephone number, supervisor's name and telephone number and a narrative (not to exceed one typewritten page) of how the individual or organization significantly contributed to or demonstrated special achievement in the BLM's fire safety program.

The selected nominee will be recognized and will receive a monetary award. A selection panel will be convened, which will include field, state, and national office personnel. This panel will forward their recommendations for the award recipient and two runners-up to be approved by the Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC).

Please submit nominations for an individual or group to Michelle Ryerson, Fire Safety Program Manager, via e-mail to Michelle_Ryerson@nifc.blm.gov.

Nominations for the National Wildland Fire Safety Award present an excellent opportunity to recognize significant achievements of BLM employees. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Ryerson, Fire Safety Specialist, (208) 387-5175. I encourage you to recognize those who have significantly improved fire safety.

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