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From: Deputy Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

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Due to the ongoing fire activity and commitments to fireline duty, the deadline for applying to be a member of the prestigious Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Honor Guard has been extended until September 30, 2007.

The Honor Guard, which was formed in the wake of the South Canyon tragedy to enable the BLM to appropriately pay tribute to and honor the memory of employees who perish in the line of duty, also responds to requests for their presence at events of national significance. In 2006, they presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and will do so again in October of this year.

There are currently 11 members who are BLM firefighters from Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi and Utah. However, as members move on to other pursuits, we are seeking others to step up behind them. This year, we will need four new members.

The Honor Guard has a uniquely important role and we hope to ensure its continued success by recruiting quality individuals from among our wildland firefighters.

Please submit applications to Randy Eardley, BLM Honor Guard Coordinator, at the National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705 or by email at Randy_Eardley@blm.gov by September 30, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact Randy at 208-387-5895.

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