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To: AFO's
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
Subject: May 15th Interagency Fire Season Broadcast

This is a reminder to join Director Kathleen Clarke for a live interagency broadcast on May 15th, "Wildland Fire Update: An Eye Toward the Future." We urge all employees with any connection to wildfire to view the broadcast, which will run about 90 minutes. The Forest Service is co-sponsoring the broadcast.

Starting times of the broadcast are:
Alaska, 8 a.m.
Pacific and Mountain Standard, 9 a.m.
Mountain Daylight, 10 a.m.
Central, 11 a.m.
Eastern, Noon

The broadcast will be a blend of practical information about the fire season and updates on policies regarding all-risk missions, cost accountability, and expectations from BLM's director and the chief of the Forest Service. Questions from viewers can be phoned or faxed in during much of the broadcast.

The overall purpose of the broadcast is to help both agencies be better prepared for the peak of fire season. Viewing it will be a good investment of your time.

Satellite downlink information is provided in the attachment.

Signed by:

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1 Attachment

1 – Broadcast Times and Coordinates

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The program will be broadcast live from BLM's National Training Center in Phoenix, Arizona, and from the USDA Broadcast Studio in Washington, D.C. For more information and program details, please visit www.ntc.blm.gov

C-Band Analog Satellite Downlink Information

Transmission Type	Satellite	Orbital Location	Transponder	Polarity	Downlink Frequency
C-Band	Galaxy 3 or G-3	95 Degrees West	3	Horizontal	3760 MHz

Satellite Help Hot Line – (602)-906-5629, on day of broadcast only.

Time Zone Reference

Time Zone	Test Signal	Program Starts	Program Ends
Alaska Daylight	7:30 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	10 a.m.
Pacific Daylight	8:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11 a.m.
Mountain Daylight	9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Noon
Central Daylight	10:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	1 p.m..
Eastern Daylight	11:30 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.

Interactivity

At specified times during the broadcast, viewers may submit questions by telephone or fax. The call-in number is 1-877-862-5346 (toll free). In the Phoenix area, call (602)-943-2279. The fax number for questions is (602)-906-5701. The BLM "Push-to-Talk" system will NOT be used for this broadcast.