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Federal wildland firefighting agencies, along with state agencies and other cooperators, began purchasing new generation fire shelters in the spring of 2003. Old style fire shelters were to be phased out of service as soon as the production and acquisition of new generation fire shelters allowed for a complete transition by all user groups.

Attached is a memorandum from the National Fire and Aviation Executive Board addressing the progress in transitioning to the new fire shelter. Based on the estimated outstanding numbers of shelters yet to be replaced, January 1, 2010 is the date which all agencies and cooperators, as well as contracted resources, are to be transitioned to the new generation fire shelter.

Please note the options in the attached memorandum relating to the recycling and disposal of old shelters and ways to help facilitate the transition with our cooperators.

For further assistance, please contact Paul Naman, Group Leader of Site and Facilities Management, at (208) 387-5421.

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1 Attachment
1 – NFAEB Memo (3 pp)

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