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To: State Directors
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
Subject: National Aviation Plan

Program Area: Aviation Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents the National Aviation Plan for 2006. This plan fulfills the Departmental manual requirements outlined in 350 DM1, Appendix 3. **This Plan sets the standards that will be policy during 2006.**

Policy/Action: This Plan has been developed to provide standardization and policy for all Bureau Aviation Programs. While this document is Bureau specific, it does incorporate interagency standards.

Time Frame: This IM is effective upon receipt.

Budget Impact: This plan does not impact budget elements.

Background: The National Aviation Office has identified the need for a cohesive Aviation Management Plan that will allow all state, field offices and aviation users to easily acquire the necessary information and policy to operate a Bureau Aviation program. Heightened awareness of aviation security has been identified as a Bureau priority and an Aviation Security Field Reference Guide has been incorporated in the Plan.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: The National Aviation Plan supplements the BLM Manual 9400, Aviation Management. The BLM Manual 9400 is being revised to reflect this plan as a reference. WO, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This document was coordinated with all participating BLM State Aviation Managers.

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please address them to Ben Hinkle at #208-387-5184 or email ben_hinkle@nifc.blm.gov. An electronic version is available on <http://aviation.blm.gov>.

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