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To: State Directors
Director, National Business Center

From: Deputy Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

Subject: Interagency and State Level Fire Severity Activities

Program Area: Fire Management

Purpose: To identify project numbers for state “short term” severity needs and to explain how the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will code interagency severity activities using FireCode generated project numbers.

Policy/Actions: State Directors have been delegated the authority to expend up to \$300,000.00 for state “short term” severity needs per Fiscal Year (FY). State directors should establish a process to document requests and approvals, and maintain information in a state office severity file. The following are the project numbers by state for FY 2008 state approved severity:

State Office	Project Number	Amount Approved
Alaska	AK-910-2821-HT-D0YE	\$300,000.00
Arizona	AZ-910-2821-HT-D0YF	\$300,000.00
California	CA-910-2821-HT-D0YG	\$300,000.00
Colorado	CO-910-2821-HT-D0YH	\$300,000.00
Eastern States	ES-910-2821-HT-D00J	\$300,000.00
Idaho	ID-910-2821-HT-D0YJ	\$300,000.00
Montana	MT-910-2821-HT-D0YK	\$300,000.00
Nevada	NV-910-2821-HT-D0YL	\$300,000.00
New Mexico	NM-910-2821-HT-D0YM	\$300,000.00
Oregon	OR-910-2821-HT-D0YN	\$300,000.00
Utah	UT-910-2821-HT-D0YP	\$300,000.00
Wyoming	WY-910-2821-HT-D0YQ	\$300,000.00

Interagency Fire Severity Activities

The five Federal agencies using wildland fire management funds are the BLM, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Park Service (NPS), and the U.S. Forest Service (FS). These agencies have a fire management agreement that provides a basis for cooperation on all aspects of wildland fire activities. Under this agreement, the agencies do NOT bill for services rendered for emergency suppression, including severity activities. This Information Memorandum (IM) provides direction on how to implement this guidance.

Assisting Other Department of the Interior (DOI) Agencies

Fire and Aviation will use FireCode to assign project numbers for BLM severity activities. Other Department of the Interior (DOI) agencies will also use FireCode to assign project numbers for their severity activities. The BLM will no longer be using geographic specific project numbers for assisting interagency fire severity activities. When the BLM assists other DOI agencies, they are to use the FireCode severity number provided by the requesting DOI agency. For example, if BLM fire resources are provided to fill a fire severity resource order initiated by BIA, each sending office will code to the assigned FireCode (severity) number given by BIA.

Assisting the Forest Service

The FS is not using FireCode to assign project numbers to severity activities. Fire and Aviation will assign one number annually for all severity assistance provided to the FS by BLM. The number for FY 2008 is D0YY.

As with all fire operations activities (suppression, rehabilitation and fuels), a project number is required regardless of the subactivity code being used. The standard fund coding guidelines used for suppression, rehabilitation, and fuels activities apply. Also, note that the standard severity coding procedure of converting from the severity number to a fire number applies when dispatched to a specific fire. All fire severity numbers have been assigned under program 2821 HT.

Timeframe: Effective immediately.

Budget Impact: Minimal.

Background: The FireCode System is an on-line, web-based application. All four-digit numeric and four-character alpha codes have been reserved for internal BLM use. Fire and Aviation began using FireCode project numbers for all severity activities effective October 1, 2006.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations.

Coordination: All State Fire Management Officers.

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