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To: State and Center Directors
ATTN: GIS and Fire GIS Coordinators

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: BLM Fire Geospatial Technologies Strategic Plan – Opportunity for Input
DD: October 24, 2003

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Fire and Geographic Information System (GIS) communities of the opportunity to provide input to the BLM Fire Geospatial Technologies Strategic Plan currently under development.

Information Bulletin No. OF&A 2003-053 provided information about the initiation of a strategic plan. The BLM Fire Geospatial Technologies Strategic Plan work group was formed at the BLM Fire GIS meeting held in conjunction with the Resource Management Tools Conference in Phoenix in April. The individuals who volunteered to be part of the work group met in Boise in July to initiate the process of plan development.

Development of this plan is of interest to a variety of programs in the fire community and the geospatial community. To accommodate this interest, the work group is providing this opportunity to submit issues, ideas or other input such as vision statements, goals, objectives, or other comments for consideration by the work group.

Additionally, at the July meeting, the work group developed a list of preliminary goals and objectives. These are included as attachment 1. Please take this opportunity to review these and to provide comments. The work group will review the ideas and comments which are received and begin the process to finalize development of the draft plan.

There will be additional opportunity for input and comment when a draft plan has been completed. At that time, the draft document will be provided to the BLM Fire and GIS communities for comment.

Please submit all suggestions and comments via email to janis_reimers@blm.gov. Please submit comments by October 24, 2003.

For more information, please contact any member of the BLM Fire Geospatial Technologies Strategic Plan work group: Janis Reimers at (208) 387-5862, Bob Bewley at (505) 438-7481, Susan Goodman at (303) 236-4242, Tim Hammond at (907) 474-2210, Kate Belinda at (505) 885-6544, Dave Wilson at (602) 417-9327 or Tony Anderson at (801) 977-4397.

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Attachment

Preliminary Goals and Objectives (3 pp)

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