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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Request for Participation in Fiscal Year 2004 National Fire Preparedness Reviews
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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office of Fire and Aviation (OF&A) will be conducting three National Fire Preparedness Reviews in fiscal year 2004. These are:

California	06/01/04 -06/15/04	Team lead: Kurt La Rue
Alaska	06/07/04 -06/15/04	Team lead: Tom Romanello
Wyoming	06/21/04 -06/29/04	Team lead: Vince Mazzier

Preparedness reviews are coordinated with state fire program managers. They are intended to assess fire suppression preparedness and to ensure consistency in application of BLM fire operations standards. Fire operations standards are stated or referenced in the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*. Preparedness reviews will utilize the *Preparedness Review Guide* to determine the level of preparedness in each state. This guide may be found at www.fire.blm/Standards/precont.htm.

Preparedness reviews are conducted by teams of fire management peers with subject matter expertise in specific functional areas. Team members are selected from volunteers nominated by each state fire management program. Team leaders are provided by OF&A. It is imperative that each state participate in order to ensure a quality preparedness review. Performing reviews is an excellent avenue for career development and provides opportunities to learn, share information, and improve BLM fire operations.

Forward all nominations to Kathy Collins (Kathy_Collins@nifc.blm.gov) by close of business on March 26, 2004. Please include the name, home unit, telephone number, area of expertise, and dates available for each nominee.

Nominees must be committed and available for the duration of the review. Team members may be required to work and travel on weekends and evenings during the reviews. OF&A will provide funding for travel, per diem, and overtime costs.

Individuals with expertise in the following areas are requested:

Agency Administration	Fire Management Administration
Aviation Management (fixed and rotor wing)	Fire Use
Fire Operations (Engines, Hand Crews, SMJ)	Safety
Dispatch/Logistics	Prevention/Education
Training	Fire Business Management

For further information please contact Vince Mazzier at (208)387-5477, Kurt La Rue at (208) 387-5439, or Tom Romanello at (208)387-5722.

Thank you for your support.

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