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To: State Directors

From: Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

Subject: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Implementation of the Department of the Interior (DOI) Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carrier(s) for Home-to-Work Transportation

Program Area: Fire and Aviation

Purpose: This instruction memorandum (IM) provides additional guidance for the implementation of the *DOI Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carrier(s) for Home-to-Work Transportation*, (attachment), also referred to as “domiciling”.

Policy/Action: On April 4, 2013 the DOI issued a memorandum titled *Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carrier(s) for Home-to-Work Transportation*.

- Only those positions authorized and pre-identified within the DOI memorandum will have the authority to domicile designated government vehicles (starting on page 7 of the attachment to this IM).
- This authority is intended only for individuals in first response fire leadership roles who may be responding to initial attack fires directly from their home after hours.
- Government vehicles are used solely for official business and domiciled only during core fire season months when there is a heightened level of current or expected fire activity.
- Authorized positions will be recertified every two years and may be revised at that time.
- Units are responsible for maintaining documentation of home-to-work use of government vehicles. This documentation will be reviewed during annual fire and aviation preparedness reviews. A BLM standard tracking form has been developed and may be used for this purpose. It can be found on the BLM Fire Operations website:
http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/fire_ops/toolbox.htm

Timeframe: Effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None.

Background: The BLM recognizes the need for domiciling fire vehicles for specific positions during fire season in order to provide for more immediate response to wildfires during off-duty hours. The BLM has been pursuing an authorization from the Department of Interior to domicile fire vehicles for some time and recently has been granted such authority.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, chapter 2 (2014).

Coordination: This IM was coordinated with the Division of Fire Operations and the BLM Fire Leadership Team.

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Attachment

1 - Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carrier(s) for Home-to-Work Transportation (20 pp)

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