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To: State and Center Directors

From: Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

Subject: Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Fire Program Analysis (FPA) Status, Direction, and Timeline

**Program Area:** Fire Management Planning

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) provides an update on the status of the FPA and direction for accurate and timely data input for the FY13 analysis.

**Policy/Action:** Last month the FPA Oversight Group (OG) met with Kim Thorsen, Deputy Assistant Secretary - Public Safety, Resource Protection, and Emergency Services, Department of the Interior, and James E. Hubbard, Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, to discuss the status, capabilities, and next steps of FPA. Participants agreed on four basic tenets for FPA and a number of activities that need to occur during FY13 to refine and improve the FPA tools in support of wildland fire budget analysis and decision making (see Attachment 1). In addition, the group identified five areas needing improvement in FY13. It is these five areas which I request we focus our priority during participation in the FY13 FPA efforts: calibration, anomalies, fuels options, non-budgeted resources, and the prevention program. Attachment 1 provides specific guidance for each of these areas.

To ensure our continued success, I request you support these efforts by responding in a timely fashion to requests made the Support Working Team (SWT), Interagency Analysis Team (IAT), and FPA program staff. Please note the associated timeline presented in Attachment 1 and relay to your staffs the importance of this effort. I remain optimistic that, in the long run, we will benefit from it.

**Timeframe:** This IM is effective upon issuance. The FY13 analysis submission for the SWT is February 1, 2013. Additional reference dates may be found in the attachment.

**Budget Impact:** While the SWT will be working to assure minimal impact to the field, updates to certain inputs may be necessary. Field units will incur short-term personnel costs to ensure accurate field-level data input.

**Background:** The FPA is a set of analytical tools that are used to help develop and defend the wildland fire preparedness budgets of the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior at the national level.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None.

**Coordination:** Coordination of this IM was conducted between the BLM Fire and Aviation divisions of Fire Operations, Budget and Evaluation, and Fire Planning and Fuels Management.

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1 Attachment:

1- Fiscal Year 2013 Fire Program Analysis Status, Direction, and Timeline (3 pp)

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