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To: District Managers

From: Associate State Director

Subject: Wyoming 2013 Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews

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**Program Area:** Wildland Fire Preparedness

**Purpose:** The 2013 Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book), Chapter 2, requires pre-season Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews be conducted by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Managers at National, State, District, Field Office and/or Resource Area level annually.

**Policy Action:** In Wyoming, individual State Office led District Wildland Fire Preparedness Reviews rotate annually, with the state-wide national review every fourth year. For 2013 a review will be conducted in the High Plains District by the Wyoming Branch of Fire and Aviation (WY-931). This review will begin the week of June 10, 2013. A final itinerary will be sent to the High Plains District Office prior to the review.

Reviews will be completed using the standard Fire and Aviation Preparedness Review Guide and Checklists, which can be viewed and/or downloaded at:

[http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/preparedness/preparedness\\_review.html](http://www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/preparedness/preparedness_review.html).

Paul Hohn, Wyoming State Office Branch of Fire and Aviation, Assistant State Fire Management Officer, is the team leader for the 2013 High Plains District review. The success of this review depends on the support from the District Office and the Wyoming State Office. The State Office Fire staff will solicit nominees for the review team in the following subject matter areas:

- Line Management
- Fire Management
- Fire Operations
- Incident Business

- Fire Safety
- Fire Training
- Radio Program
- Aviation Management
- Warehouse/Fire Facilities
- Dispatch Operations

All per diem and any overtime accrued for BLM team members of the High Plains District Review Team will be paid by the Wyoming Branch of Fire and Aviation (WY-931).

Additionally, the Wind River/Big Horn Basin District and High Desert District must complete an internal review of their respective programs by June 28, 2013, and submit completed checklists to WY-931 by July 5, 2013. District Fire Management Officers are encouraged to enlist the aid of experts from adjoining Fire Management Units to assist in these reviews.

Any questions regarding these reviews should be directed to Paul Hohn, at (307) 775-6086.

**Timeframe:** Effective immediately. Line Officers will ensure that preparedness reviews are conducted within areas of their responsibility and they are aware of the results prior to July 5, 2013.

**Budget Impact:** Costs may be incurred as a result of conducting the various State and Unit level preparedness reviews. Costs should be considered a standard part of providing oversight for wildland fire management programs at the State and Unit level and covered within current budget allocations.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None. Direction follows that outlined in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book), Chapter 2.

**Contact:** For questions related to this memorandum, contact Kyle Cowan, State Fire Management Officer, at (307) 775-6100.

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