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To: District Managers
Attn: Fire Management Officers

From: State Director

Subject: Wyoming Fuels, Community Assistance and Fire Planning Program Evaluation

The Fire and Aviation office will be conducting evaluations of the Fuels Management, Community Assistance, and Fire Planning Program components for the Wyoming offices during the week of May 12, 2014. The Fire and Aviation, Fire Planning and Fuels Management office conducts annual evaluations of the Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Fire Planning, and Community Assistance Programs in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Manual Section (MS) 1240 – Evaluation Program (Note: the Community Assistance Program includes the functional areas of mitigation and education, prevention and trespass). Evaluation of the Fire Management Programs is important to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of the Interior because of the high level of investment in projects and planning activities. The evaluation focuses on how well the BLM's Fire Management Program protects resources, complies with the laws and regulations, produces reliable program and financial information for decision-making, and achieves program performance goals. The evaluations assess program development and execution, including topics such as planning, collaboration, integration of fire and resource programs, budgeting, workload accomplishments, reporting, and monitoring. The evaluations will concentrate on Fiscal Years 2011, 2012, and 2013 programs; however, the evaluations will also look at some on-going Fiscal Year 2014 activities to assess progress and determine compliance with recently issued guidance.

The updated BLM Fire Planning, Fuels Management, and Community Assistance State Evaluation Guide, February 2014 is attached. The evaluation standards will focus the evaluations on key program issues and reflect current program direction.

For questions, please contact Angie Foster, Wyoming State Fuels Lead, at (307) 775-6443.

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2 Attachments:

- 1 - State Evaluation Guide (43 pp)
- 2 - Criteria for Fire Planning, Fuels Management and Community Assistance State Evaluation Power Point Presentations (1 p)

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