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To: District Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Special Forest Product (SFP) Load Ticket Color Synchronization by Calendar Year

**Purpose:** Timber trespass is an on-going issue throughout the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM), this action will decrease the potential for timber trespass and assist in providing a pro-active prevention program in the Special Forest Product (SFP) arena. SFP load tickets are required to be used by the public who purchase SFP from the Wyoming BLM. Color synchronization by calendar year of all three of the SFP load tickets used in Wyoming will assist the field and law enforcement personnel in ensuring that the public are harvesting/collecting appropriately paid for SFP in the year that they are purchased and are not re-using load tickets by providing a simple color coded surveillance system.

**Policy/Action:** Color synchronization will be based on the standard BLM Christmas Tree Tag colors and their years of usage. The colors to be used for SFP and their years of use are the following:

1. Yellow – Calendar years 2011, 2014, 2017 (Attachment 1).
2. Pink – Calendar years 2012, 2015, 2018 (Attachment 2).
3. Orange – Calendar years 2013, 2016, 2019 (Attachment 3).
4. Blue and green – to be used for other identified uses by the Field Office (FO)/ District. This may include green wood fuelwood cutting units, specific post and pole units, cabin logs, or other purposes that the office wants to track separately for administrative purposes (Attachment 4).
5. The Kemmerer and Pinedale FOs, by agreement with the Bridger-Teton National Forest, use the joint USFS/BLM Christmas tree tags. These two FOs are exempted from using the BLM specific color coded Christmas tree tags.
6. The Special Forest Product Load Ticket (Form WY-5400-01) will be distributed to the forestry staff concurrent with the issuance of this IM.

7. The yellow and orange Firewood Permit (WY-2920-01 – optional use) are back ordered through the Government Printing Office and will be distributed when they arrive in the latter part of April 2011.

**Budget Impact:** With the exception of the purchase of the different colored SFP load tickets (estimated to be \$500.00 statewide), there is no anticipated impact.

**Background:** Wyoming BLM currently uses three different SFP load tickets, Christmas Tree Tag (BLM Form 5450-10b), Special Forest Product Load Ticket (Form WY-5400-01), and the Firewood Permit (WY-2920-01 – optional use). Through the years and based on availability different colors have been used without any standardization throughout the State except for the Christmas Tree Tag. This has led to variation between the FOs and makes visual inspection of special forest permits difficult by law enforcement and other field going personnel. The potential exists for the public to use these load tickets in years other than when they were bought or to re-use these load tickets for products not paid for.

**Manual/Handbook Sections Affected:** None

**Coordination:** This Instruction Memorandum has been coordinated with Law Enforcement (WY-911), the Districts, and the Field Foresters.

**Contact:** If you have questions pertaining to the use of SFP load tickets, please contact Bob Means, Forestry Program Lead at (307) 775-6287.

Signed by:  
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Secretary

4 Attachments:

- 1 - Attachment 1- SFP Tags to be used in Calendar Years 2011, 2014, 2017, etc. (1 p.)
- 2 - Attachment 2- SFP Tags to be used in Calendar Years 2012, 2015, 2018, etc. (1 p.)
- 3 - Attachment 3- SFP Tags to be used in Calendar Years 2013, 2016, 2019, etc. (1 p.)
- 4 - Attachment 4- Optional SFP Tags to be used for FO/District Identified SFP Use (1 p.)

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