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To: District Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Resources Policy and Management

Subject: Weather Information Management System/Remote Automated Weather Station (WIMS/RAWS) Guide

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) establishes policy on roles and responsibilities for the WIMS/RAWS programs and provides operating guidelines to ensure that the most accurate and representative weather data and National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) outputs are generated daily so as to be able to base fire and aviation management decisions on scientific data.

**Applicability:** All Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming Fire and Aviation Management programs are subject to the policy set forth in this IM.

The goal of the Wyoming BLM Fire and Aviation Management Branch is to operate a fire danger rating system that produces an accurate assessment of the wildland fire potential across all Districts to support planning and implementation of the local fire and aviation management programs.

**Timeframe:** This policy is effective immediately.

**Coordination:** This policy was coordinated with the Rocky Mountain Coordination Center's Predictive Services and the Wyoming BLM Fire and Aviation Branch.

**Contact:** Please refer questions to Kyle Cowan State Fire Management Office, at (307) 775-6100.

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1 Attachment

1 - WIM/RAWS Operations Guide (41 pp)

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