Appendix J – Proposed Rappel and Cargo Letdown Activities

I. Initial Base Activation Process

A. Established Process

All proposed rappel and cargo letdown activities must be fully analyzed and supported by agency approved planning analysis systems. After analyzing and justifying the feasibility of a program, the Regional Office shall request approval from the National Office. Permission for new base startup must be documented by an approval letter to the local unit listing any conditions and restrictions for the new program.

Regions seeking to activate new rappel activities at established or new bases will follow the requirements in the National Rappel Program Reactivation Process Plan found at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/av_safety/assurance/Nat_Rapp/index.html

Appendix I, Re-Activation Request Documentation Checklist, of this plan provides a clear list to be followed for making the necessary request.

II. Certification Team Membership

The certification team will be compromised of at least three of the following individuals:

1. National Rappel Specialist
2. National Helicopter Inspector Pilot
3. Regional Rappel Specialist
4. Check Spotter
5. Regional Helicopter Operations Specialist
6. Regional Helicopter Inspector Pilot
7. Regional Aviation Safety Manager

III. Program Review

A program review will be conducted annually by the regional and/or national office to ensure bases are in compliance with the NROG, reviews will be conducted utilizing the National Rappel Operations Review Checklist found in Appendix J.