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March 12, 2010

To: Frankie Romero, Chair, Interagency Smokejumper Base Managers

Re: 2010 Updates to the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide (ISMOG)

Please consider this letter NIAC’s formal concurrence with the recommended updates for the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide. (ISMOG)

We appreciate the continued collaboration within your group, providing support for all agencies. If we can assist in any way please let me know.

Sincerely,

/s/Susie Bates
NIAC Chairperson
In Reply Refer To:

To: Karyn Wood, Director - NIFC USFS Fire Operations

From: John Glenn, Division Chief – NIFC BLM Fire Operations

Date: March 23, 2010

Subject: 2010 Updates to the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide (ISMOG)

In December of 2009, the Interagency Base Managers proposed some new language to the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide. Part of the new language that was presented, was to add an approval process for the Forest Service to receive final approval for the ISMOG from the National Interagency Aviation Committee, and the Bureau of Land Management to receive final approval from the Division Chief for BLM Fire Operations.

On behalf of the Director of Fire and Aviation for the Bureau of Land Management, we are approving the recent recommendations, updates, and amendments to the ISMOG.

Thank you for considering our input, and we will continue to support these interagency efforts.

Sincerely,

/S/ John Glenn
BLM Division Chief – Fire Operations

/cc/ Frankie Romero, Chair, USFS Forest Service Smokejumpers
/cc/ Susie Bates, Chair, NIAC Chairperson

(subject)
The US Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management annually revise, publish, and distribute the *Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide* (ISMOG).

As requested by the USFS Smokejumpers Base Managers’ Council, the recommended changes to the ISMOG and the Forest Service Section of the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide have been reviewed by the Forest Service Smokejumper Base Managers’ Council and approved by the National Interagency Aviation Council (NIAC). Effective immediately, operations will be conducted as reflected in this guide.

The ISMOG is posted at [http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/aviation/av_library/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/aviation/av_library/index.html). If you have questions please contact Frankie Romero, Chair, Smokejumper Base Managers’ Council, at fromero@fs.fed.us or 208-634-0383.

/s/ T.C. Harbour
TOM HARBOUR
Director, Fire and Aviation Management

cc: Frankie Romero