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To: Regional Foresters

A recent review of State and Local Fire Cooperative Agreements shows several issues that I would like to mitigate relating to the mobilization of supplemental fire department resources (qualified incident management resources that are not regular fire department employees). While I support local fire department sponsorship of incident resources, controls and standards are necessary for implementation through our state and/or local Cooperative Fire Agreements to ensure consistency.

Enclosed are documents and templates developed by the interagency fire community to be used with all state or local agreements that include the sponsorship of supplemental fire department resources. For all state or local agreements that include the sponsorship of supplemental fire department resources. The following actions are to be completed by June 1, 2009:

- Modify state or local cooperative fire agreements that include the sponsorship and mobilization of “supplemental fire department resources” with the exhibit language in attachment #1.
- Add the language in Attachment #2 to the Annual Operating Plans utilizing the position matrix from Attachment #3.

Talking points and the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) “Agreements with Local Fire Departments” transmittal memo are included for your use in Attachments #4 and #5.

Your Regional Fire Directors, Incident Business Coordinators and Cooperative Fire Specialists have been briefed on this issue. Questions can be directed to Tim Melchert (Timothy Melchert/WO/USDAFS) or Mary Ann Szymoniak (Mary A Szymoniak/WO/USDAFS).

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Enclosures

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