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This letter rescinds previous letter dated April 10, 2006. Changes have been made to the requirement dates that information must be provided. If state agencies within a region do not have Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) aircraft, no response is required.

In response to the 2003 audit by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) recommendation, the Forest Service will establish a restricted database identifying aircraft that have been tanked and the aircraft level of risk assigned. The Federal Excess Property Management System (FEPMIS) has the capabilities to meet this requirement and is used to manage the Forest Service Federal Excess Personal (FEPP) property on loan to the States for purposes of fire protection and management. The system provides a means to track all FEPP aircraft from acquisition through disposal, with a minimum of data handling and with complete audit records of all transactions.

FEPMIS allows a State FEPP manager to enter required information into FEPMIS for reporting purposes. In order to comply with the recommendations of the OIG; the aircraft level of risk and the date that an aircraft was tanked must be entered into FEPMIS. FEPMIS is the sole provider of this information for Washington Office upward reporting of FEPP aircraft on loan to non-Federal recipients.

Because of the need for accurate reports, we will require that all States provide this information in FEPMIS by August 31, 2006 and all Property Management Officers report this information in the Notes field of the Property Management Information System (PMIS) no later than 30 September, 2006.

If you have questions about FEPMIS or State use of the system, please contact Melissa Frey of my staff. She may be reached at 202-205-0955, or via email at mfrey@fs.fed.us.

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