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To: State Directors
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation
Subject: Agreements with Local Fire Departments

Program Area: Fire Management

Purpose: To provide direction on local and/or state agreements to make available supplemental fire department resources for national mobilization.

Policy/Actions: The attached National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Memorandum with templates developed by the interagency fire community will be used with all state or local agreements that include the sponsorship of supplemental fire department resources.

The following actions are to be completed prior to the western fire season 2009:

- Create or modify state or local cooperative fire agreements that include the sponsorship and mobilization of “supplemental fire department resources” with the exhibit language in Attachment A to the NWCG Memorandum.
- Add the language in the attached Annual Operating Plan utilizing the position matrix (Attachment B & D to the NWCG Memorandum).

Time Frame: Effective Immediately.

Budget Impact: This policy intends to prevent increasing incident costs by defining consistent agreement parameters.

Background: A recent review of the State and Local Fire Cooperative Agreements highlighted several issues the interagency fire community would like to mitigate relating to the mobilization of supplemental fire department employees.

While the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supports 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.

Coordination: This document was coordinated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service.

Contact: If you have any questions concerning the attached documents or template please contact Hallie Locklear, 208-387-5166.

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