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To: Forest Supervisors and District Managers

Subject: Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements

Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA) for Engines and Tenders are important procurement documents for fire managers in the Pacific Northwest. However, there are concerns that resources hired under the EERA authority do not meet the same equipment standards and personnel training requirements as equipment hired through the Interagency Engine/Tender Agreement.

The Interagency Engine/Tender Agreement improves the overall quality of engines and tenders available for use on wildland fires. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management endorse the use of the Interagency Engine/Tender Agreement which standardizes interagency contracting on incidents. The Interagency Engine/Tender Agreement emphasizes uniformity and safety by establishing performance standards for equipment, training requirements for engine/tender operators and personnel, and requiring all equipment and personnel to pass a pre-season inspection process.

The following policy will be used for engines and tenders ordered through the EERA process:

All engines and/or tenders hired on local EERAs shall meet the same equipment standards and training requirements as specified in the Interagency Engine/Tender Agreement. Engines and tenders hired on local EERAs that do not meet these standards may be used only for initial attack or the first 24 hours of the incident.

If the incident goes beyond 24 hours, the local EERAs shall be replaced with Interagency Engine/Tender Agreement equipment, or local equipment that meets the same standards as the Interagency Agreements.

If you have further questions on this policy, please contact Mike Edrington at (503) 808-2360 or Terry Hueth at (503) 808-6748.

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