

# SAFETY ALERT

*United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service  
National Headquarters*

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**SUBJECT:** Work/Rest and Duty Limitation Policy

**RE:**

**TO:** Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, Institute Director, Job Corps,  
and WO Staffs

**DATE:** August 8, 2002

***Alert Information:***

There continues to be misunderstanding, misapplication, and disregard of work-rest and duty limitation policy established in recent direction, especially when it comes to the exemption process.

You are being asked **again** to make certain that personnel in transit and assigned to fire incidents **strictly adhere** to the work-rest and duty limitation policies. You must ensure that these policies are understood and followed by all personnel, including contractors and those from other units and agencies.

Even if you have forwarded earlier alerts on this subject, you are being asked to follow up with all line officers, incident commanders, and dispatch centers to ensure their understanding and adherence to the work-rest and duty limitation policies.

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