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To: All Field Offices
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation
Subject: Fire Engine Identifier Standards

Program Area: Fire Management

Purpose: To provide direction regarding Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fire engine identifier standards.

Policy/Action: The BLM fire engine identifier standards have been established by the national Fire Operations Group.

All BLM fire engines placed in service after the effective date of this instruction memorandum will comply with all identifier standards stated in attachments 1 and 2.

Those BLM fire engines in service prior to the effective date of this IM are required to meet only the numbering format portion of the standard. The remaining standards (identifier, striping, numbering size and location) may be met at the discretion of state and local units.

Timeframe: Existing engines must be in compliance by June 1, 2009. All new engines currently on order will be delivered by the vendor in full compliance.

Budget Impact: The Working Capital Fund (WCF) will cover the cost on all new engines. States will be required to cover the cost on existing engines, estimated to be \$200 per engine.

Background: The BLM national Fire Equipment Committee and Engine Committee, in conjunction with the states and national Fire Operations Group, have worked on the development

of identifier standards over the past several years. The committees continue to work toward standards for non-engine types of fire equipment.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, 2009 edition and *BLM Mobile Fire Equipment Policy*, 2009 edition.

Coordination: This instruction memorandum was coordinated with the national Engine Committee and the national Fire Operations Group.

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2 Attachments:

- 1 – BLM Engine Identifier Standards (3 pp)
- 2 – BLM Fire Engine Identifier Illustrations (17 pp)

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