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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy Chiefs and WO Directors

Recent requests from Forest Service employees affected by the Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) standard have resulted in a Forest Service-specific IFPM implementation plan that clarifies implementation procedures unique to the Forest Service. Regional IFPM Leads and Human Resource Management Specialists have reviewed the updated implementation plan and it is posted on the Forest Service website at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/index.html>.

Fire managers and supervisors of IFPM affected employees are expected to review the updated implementation plan and follow the procedures. Note the implementation plan contains additional clarification for managing employees that do not meet the IFPM standard after the October 1, 2010, implementation deadline, as referenced in the May 4, 2010, letter (Interagency Fire Program Management Qualification Standard and Guide Implementation Update). Please ensure this information is shared with all IFPM affected employees.

For additional questions, please contact your Regional IFPM Lead (<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/contacts.html>), or Evans Kuo, National IFPM representative at 208-387-5974 or ekuo@fs.fed.us. Thank you for your diligence in implementing IFPM.

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