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## Regional Policy Memorandum

### Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region Office of the Regional Director

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Title: Forestry Policy  
Limited Delegation of Authority – Interagency Fire Management Coordination Functions within the Region

### 1. Purpose

In accordance with 90 IAM 1.7D, 3 IAM 4 and 3 IAM 4A (Delegation of Authority Midwest Region), the Midwest Regional Office Fire Management Officer (FMO) is hereby authorized to represent the Midwest Regional Director, as a functioning member of all wildland fire interagency coordination groups within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Region. This includes the Eastern Area Coordination Group (EACG), Multi-Agency Coordination Group (EA MAC), Statewide Interagency Coordination Groups, and any other similar groups.

### 2. Scope

The FMO is authorized to coordinate with partners to set priorities for emergency incidents, allocate resources and direct Area Command Teams in order to meet protection objectives, coordinate interagency budget requests, negotiate with interagency partners on the allocation of funding or resources derived from the Fire Planning Analysis (FPA), develop interagency wildfire and emergency incident management policy to meet the protection and interagency coordination goals of the Midwest Region and national fire management policy. The Director shall retain signature authority for charters and interagency agreements and may at any time, reassume authority upon notice.

Geographic Area Coordination Groups provide an interagency approach to emergency management by:

- a. Providing leadership and coordinated direction to fire management programs;
- b. Providing a forum for exchange of ideas and development of consistent policies;

