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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors, All Regions
Attention: Forestry/Fire Management

From: Director, Branch of Wildland Fire Management *Lyle Carls*

Subject: Interagency Prescribed Fire and Planning Implementation Procedures
Guide

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the approval and distribution of the Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures Guide (herein referred to as "the IA Rx Guide"). See the NWCG Chair's attached memorandum. Specific instructions for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribes are as follows:

1. In addition to accessing the IA Rx Guide on the National Interagency Fire Center's website as referenced in the NWCG memorandum, the Guide is located at the DFWFM web portal on trustnet. This document and other essential fuel related policy documents will soon migrate to a Fuels toolbox, a webpage that is being developed on the intranet. A separate announcement will precede the document transfer.
2. The BIA Fuels Management Program Supplement to the IA Rx Guide (herein referred to as the Fuels Supplemental) has been submitted for central office review. I expect this document will be approved and out to the agencies and tribes shortly. The Fuels Supplemental establishes procedural policy on mechanical treatments, prescribed fire and mechanical treatment planning, and monitoring. The IA Rx Guide did not address these subject areas in detail. The Fuels Supplemental will be placed on trust.net as well.
3. An advanced copy of the key changes (cross walk) to the IA Rx Guide from its December 2006 version has been sent via trust.net to the Regional Office Fuels Specialists for distribution. Please distribute this document accordingly. It provides critical information on new policy changes and amendments to existing interagency policy.

Upon request, digital copies of the Guide, Supplemental and cross walk will be provided to the regional offices. Please feel free to contact Dennis Dupuis at 208.387.5041 for further information.



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MEMORANDUM

Reference: NWCG#015-2008

To: Interagency Wildland Fire Management Personnel

From: NWCG Chair *Brian Smith*

Date: August 6, 2008

Subject: Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures Guide

The Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures Guide has been signed and is available at http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy/. This guide has been updated from the December 2006 version to reflect changes that were identified through field review and use of the guide, and will remain in effect until revised or rescinded.

The Prescribed Fire Planning and Implementation Procedures Guide provides standardized policy, specifically associated with the planning and implementation of prescribed fire, and describes minimal acceptable requirements for prescribed fire planning and implementation for signatory agencies. Agencies may choose to provide more restrictive standards and policy direction, but must adhere to the minimums described in the guide.

cc: NWCG Executive Board

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Updated with Dennis' changes.
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