

## **PREFACE**

This guide is a program reference that documents policy for management and operations of the Wildland Fire and Aviation Management Program for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Information presented here is based on current policy and provides program guidance to ensure safe, consistent, efficient and effective Wildland Fire and Aviation Operations.


### Bureau of Indian Affairs Mission:

To enhance quality of life, to promote economic opportunity, and to carry out responsibility to protect and improve the trust assets of American Indians, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Natives. This will be accomplished through the delivery of quality services and maintaining government-to-government relationships within the spirit of Indian self-determination.

### Branch of Wildland Fire Management Mission:

To execute its fiduciary responsibility by protecting lives, property, and resources while restoring and maintaining healthy ecosystems through cost-effective and creative fire-management programs, collaboration, and promoting Indian self-determination.

The Wildland Fire and Aviation Program Management and Operations Guide 2011 replaces the 2010 version of this guide. Many sections of the 2010 guide have been updated in this revised 2011 edition to better reflect current policy, business practices and operations for the BIA Wildland Fire and Aviation Management Program. This document is policy for the BIA Wildland Fire and Aviation Management Program.

  
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