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To: Agency Personnel

From: Fire and Aviation Directors; Bureau of Land Management Forest Service U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Park Service

Subject: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

In 2004 the Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council chartered a task group to annually revise, publish and distribute the federal *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*.

*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, states, references, or supplements policy for Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service fire and fire aviation program management.

Employees engaged in fire management activities will continue to comply with all agency specific health and safety policy documents. Employees engaged in fire suppression and other fire management activities will comply with standards stated in the *NWGC Incident Response Pocket Guide* (PMS 461, NFES 1077) and the *NWCG Fireline Handbook* (PMS 410-1, NFES 0065

For the Bureau of Land Management this document is supplemental policy.

For the USDA Forest Service this document is referenced in *Forest Service Manual 5108*.

For the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this document is supplemental policy.

For the National Park Service this document is supplemental policy, in addition to *Reference Manual 18*.

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This document addresses specific action items that are contained in the Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy.

The contents of this book are not to be modified. Supplemental agency specific direction of a more restrictive nature may be issued separately.

Suggestions for modification of this publication should be sent to your agency representatives listed on this page.

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