Chapter 1 – Introduction

- 1. Objective. Assure safe and efficient interagency smokejumper operations.
- **2. Scope**. The standards and procedures established in the "Interagency Section" (this section) of the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide (ISMOG) apply to smokejumper operations conducted by the USDA Forest Service (FS) and the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- **3. Authority**. In addition to the authority outlined in each agencies section of this guide:
 - **A.** Interagency agreement among the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the Joint Operation of Smokejumper Parachute Delivery Systems.
 - **B.** Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Department of Agriculture, dated January 28, 1943.
 - C. Interagency Agreement between the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for the Joint Operation of Smokejumper Resources, dated April 12, 1985.
- 4. **Standardization of Equipment & Procedures**. Total mobility and the interchange of personnel and equipment between all smokejumper units regardless of employing agency suggests that both safety and efficiency can be increased as standard operating procedures and equipment are adopted. To achieve this goal the FS and BLM shall work in a collaborative manner to develop, recommend and adopt both standard operating procedures and standardize equipment that will meet both agencies mission. As interagency standards are adopted they shall be placed in this section of the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide.
- 5. **Abbreviations used in this section**. BLM = Bureau of Land Management, FS = Forest Service, ISMOG = Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide, BLMS = BLM Section of the ISMOG. FSS = FS Section of the ISMOG.

6. Review and Revision. The standards and procedures outlined in the interagency section of the Smokejumper Operations Guide will be reviewed annually at the Interagency Smokejumper Base Managers' Meeting. Recommendations from this meeting for updating, amending and making additions to this section of the guide will be forwarded to the National Interagency Aviation Council (NIAC) and the BLM National Office, Division of Fire Operations, Chief, for review and final recommendations made to the following officials for approval: FS - Director of Fire and Aviation Management, Washington Office. BLM – Director of Fire and Aviation, National Office.

Chapter 2 – Administration

1. Smokejumper Base Reviews. Each smokejumper base shall be reviewed by their respective national office at least once every five years. Local preparedness reviews may be conducted more frequently based on local/regional preference. The focus of the national review is to ensure that smokejumper operations are being conducted safely and efficiently and in accordance with national and interagency standards. Organizational structure, operational procedures, equipment, training, facilities and record keeping systems shall be reviewed and assessed. An example of a checklist that can be used to accomplish base reviews is attached at the end of this chapter and may be accessed electronically at

www.blm.gov/nifc/st/en/prog/fire/fireops/preparedness/preparedness_review/checklists.ht ml

A. Coordination.

- 1) <u>FS base reviews</u> will be coordinated by the FS National Smokejumper Program Manager
- **2)** <u>BLM base reviews</u> will be coordinated by the BLM National Office, Division of Fire Operations.
- **B.** Team Composition shall include the FS National Smokejumper Program Manager or the designated BLM National Office Division of Fire Operations Official, a BLM or MTDC Smokejumper Equipment Specialist, and a Smokejumper Base Manager or designee from outside the administrative unit (region, state, etc.) of the base being reviewed. The review team leader should strongly consider augmenting the review team with an additional Smokejumper Base Manager or technical specialist, preferably from an agency different than the other Base Manager previously assigned, a Line Officer from the agency of the base being reviewed, and a local Fire Management Officer who is a customer of the base being reviewed.

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C. Base review schedule:

Base	Last Review	Next Review	5-yr Review
		Scheduled For	Required By
Alaska (BLM)	2009	2013	2014
Boise (BLM)	2006	2011	2011
Grangeville (FS-R1)	2009	2013	2014
McCall (FS-R4)	2005	2010	2010
Missoula (FS-R1)	2009	2014	2014
North Cascades (FS-R6)	2008	2012	2013
Redding (FS-R5)	2005	2010	2010
Redmond (FS-R6)	2007	2012	2012
West Yellowstone (FS-R1)	2007	2011	2012