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To: All Field Offices
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation
Subject: Resolving Medical Standards Program "Pending Further Evaluation" Cases

Program Area: Fire Management

Purpose: To implement procedures to clear pending wildland firefighter medical exam cases.

Policy/Action: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will implement procedures to clear pending wildland firefighter medical exam cases as outlined in the Department of Interior (DOI) Wildland Firefighter Medical Standards Program Memorandum No. 09-01.

http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/NWCG/Memo_09-01_Interim_Pending_Process_20090812.pdf

Timeframe: Effective immediately

Budget Impact: None

Background: The current Interagency Medical Standards Program (IMSP) transition plan did not address how to manage wildland firefighters whose exams remained in "pending status" within the former IMSP process (prior to March 13, 2009). The intent of this process is to have all pending cases resolved within 90 days of the date of this memorandum.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, 2009 edition; and BLM Instruction Memorandum No. FA IM-2009-023 (http://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/NWCG/BLM_FA_IM2009023.pdf).

Coordination: This instruction memorandum was coordinated with the DOI Fire Directors, IMSP Council, Federal Fire and Aviation and Safety Team, the Fire and Aviation Equal Employment Opportunity branch, and the Fire and Aviation Division of Support Services.

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