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To: Users of the *Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide*

From: Interagency Aviation Management Council

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Subject: Publication of 2006 *Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide* (IHOG)

The IHOG and IHOG Supplemental Forms Package have been revised for new publication in March 2006. All policy changes become effective at this time. Published hardcopies will be available in March 2006. Changes include revisions proposed by the IHOG Working Group, coordinated by the National Interagency Aviation Council, and approved by the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of the Interior. Some revisions to the IHOG were necessary to be compatible with changes made to the national Type 1 and 2 CWN helicopter contract, which was revised in 2005. Other revisions were based on proposals submitted by field personnel and agency program managers.

Additional or altered language for 2006 is noted with an arrow (→) at the beginning of each section that has been revised.

The IHOG is a dynamic document and will be revised again in 2009. Please forward suggested changes for the 2009 revision to the appropriate agency representative from the IHOG Working Group.

Publication as a cache item and placement on the NIFC Website is authorized. The forms package will be maintained in NFES 0660, Air Operations Branch Kit, and NFES 3521, Helicopter Support Kit, Box 2. The IHOG and IHOG Forms Package are available for downloading at <<http://aviation.blm.gov/library>>.

NFES 1132 (OAS-84), "Helicopter Passenger Briefing Card," and NFES 0086 (OF 252), "Interagency Helicopter Passenger/Cargo Manifest," will also be changed to reflect the March 2006 version. Previous versions of the manifest form are still acceptable.

A copy of this memo will be included in the front of IHOG.

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