To: Agency Personnel

From: Fire and Aviation Directors
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service
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Subject: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

The Fire and Aviation Directors of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs have directed the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group (ISOG) to annually revise, publish, and distribute the federal Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, and issue errata to this document.

The Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, states, references, or supplements policy and provides program direction for Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs fire and fire aviation program management.

Employees engaged in fire suppression and fire management activities will comply with interagency and agency-specific health, safety, and fire management policy documents.

For the Bureau of Land Management, this document provides policy and guidance as referenced in BLM Manual Section (MS) 9200 Fire Program Management.

For the USDA Forest Service, this document provides guidance for implementing safe and effective fire and aviation management operations based on policy in Forest Service Manual 5100 and 5700.

For the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this document provides guidance for implementation of 621 FW 1.

For the National Park Service, this document supplements Reference Manual 18.

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For the Bureau of Indian Affairs, this document provides policy on field level fire operations, in addition to policy referenced in the Indian Affairs Manual (IAM) Section 90.

This document addresses specific action items that are contained in the Guidance for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy (February 13, 2009).

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

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