October 1, 2004

Memorandum

To: Agency Personnel:
   Bureau of Indian Affairs
   Bureau of Land Management
   National Park Service
   U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
   USDA Forest Service

From: National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

Subject: Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standards and Guide Implementation Plan

In June 2004 Chief Dale Bosworth, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USDA-FS) and Department of Interior (DOI) Assistant Secretary P. Lynn Scarlett issued memorandums establishing October 1, 2004 as the date to officially begin implementing the Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standards and Guide (IFPM Standard).

The IFPM Standard Implementation Plan was written by an interagency group comprised of human resources, training and fire management personnel. The implementation plan includes:

- An overview of the key fire management positions and associated minimum qualification standards and competencies.
- Procedures for recruitment and staffing under the IFPM Standard.
- Step-by-step procedures and supporting documents to implement the IFPM Standard.
- Operating procedures for the IFPM Resolution Board and 401 Education/Training Assessment Board.

The National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB) endorses the IFPM Standard Implementation Plan.

The IFPM Standard, the implementation plan, and related information is located on the internet at: www.nifc.gov/training_quals/IFPM/ifpm.htm.