



Fire Management Board

FIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

FMB Memorandum No. 26-003

TO: U.S. Wildland Fire Service and United States Forest Service Fire Personnel

FROM: Chris Wilcox, Chair, Fire Management Board

SUBJECT: Errata to the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* (May 2026)

The Fire Management Board has directed the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group (ISOG) to annually revise and publish the Federal *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, also known as the “Red Book.” The 2026 Red Book was issued on May 21, 2026.

As needed, the ISOG provides updates and corrections to the Red Book by issuing an erratum or errata statement. This document provides errata to the 2026 Red Book. The corrections are incorporated into the electronic version of the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* (May 2026).

On the front cover, added “Errata 1” under May 2026 in the bottom right corner.

On page 42, replaced text under heading “Fire Severity Funding” in the second paragraph. Removed, “Geographic area (GA) fire staff review and approve all severity requests using the [USWFS Severity Request Form](#).” Inserted, “Geographic area (GA) fire chiefs or GA deputy chiefs review and approve all severity requests using the [USWFS Severity Request Form](#).”

On page 152, at the top of the page, inserted new heading “Emergency Access on USFS and DOI Lands” and associated text.

Emergency Access on USFS and DOI Lands

USFS and USWFS wildfire responders, including Federal, State, Tribal, local, contract, and cooperator resources assigned to an incident, are authorized to use USFS and DOI roads, roadways, motorized routes, and necessary access routes for official wildfire response, emergency operations, evacuation support, law enforcement, rescue, suppression, suppression repair, and immediate post-fire emergency stabilization when acting within the scope of their assigned duties. This authority is of emergency nature and official-duty use is distinct from public or recreational motor-vehicle use. Manipulation of any existing roads for access or suppression will be coordinated with resource advisors, bureau representatives, and agency administrators.

- *FS – Forest Service authorities include [36 CFR 261.13](#) and closure-order exemptions under [36 CFR 261.50\(e\)](#); emergency response actions may also proceed under applicable emergency NEPA procedures, including [36 CFR 220.4\(b\)](#), when necessary to control the immediate impacts of wildfire or post-fire emergency conditions.*

- **DOI** – DOI/BLM authorities include [43 CFR Part 8340](#), particularly the emergency-purpose exclusions in [43 CFR 8340.0-5](#), and closure/restriction authority under [43 CFR 8364.1](#); emergency response actions may also proceed under applicable emergency NEPA procedures ([43 CFR 46.150](#)) when necessary to control the immediate impacts of wildfire or post-fire emergency conditions.

On page 185, the “USFS Allowable Helmets¹ for OHV Use” table is corrected as shown below.

USFS Allowable Helmets ¹ for OHV Use	
Equipment Type	Risk Rating
	Low/Moderate/High
UTV	3/4 or full face DOT or Snell motorcycle half (“shorty”) helmets – see restricted language below
ATV	3/4 or full face DOT or Snell motorcycle

¹All helmets must meet one or more of the following standards: Department of Transportation (DOT) or Snell (SA2010, SA2015, or current equivalent).