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5108 - The interim directive (ID) adds two interagency references to this section: “Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations” (para. 11) and the “Incident Response Pocket Guide” (para. 12). The direction in this ID implements action items A-1, A-3-c, A-11, A-13, A-14, A-16, A-17, and A-27 from the “Thirtymile Accident Prevention Plan” (December 2001, as updated), prepared by the USDA Forest Service in consultation with National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) in response to the investigation findings and recommendations for the Thirtymile Fire. Notice of the issuance of this ID was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2003 (68 FR 20111).

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Consult the publications listed in this section for guidance on the minimum standards and procedures in the various aspects of wildland fire management. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) publications are available upon request by writing or faxing the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) at:

National Interagency Fire Center
Great Basin Cache Supply Office
3833 S. Development Avenue
Boise, ID 83705-5354
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Some of these references are also available electronically. If available electronically, the world wide web/Internet address is provided after the publication.

1. Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review, Final Report, December 18, 1995. This report establishes joint Federal wildland fire management principles, policy, and recommendations. (See para. 9 for information on the related implementation guide.)
2. Field Managers Course Guide (NWCG, PMS 901-1). This guide contains information on training principles and guidelines, wildfire training course systems, and course descriptions. Also available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/training/training.htm>.
3. Firefighters Guide (NWCG, NFES 1571, PMS 414-1). This guide contains material concerning firefighting basic practices.
4. Gaining an Understanding of NFDRS (NFES 2665). This document provides information for the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS). Also available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pubs.htm>.
5. Glossary of Wildland Fire Terminology (NWCG, NFES 1832, PMS 205). This glossary includes terms used by NWCG member agencies in wildland fire, prescribed fire, and incident management.
6. Incident Response Pocket Guide (NWCG, NFES 1077, PMS 461). This interagency guide provides a number of checklists and management practices for use in responses to wildland fires and other incidents. Also available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pubs.htm>.
7. Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations. This interagency handbook provides guidance for implementing safe and effective fire and aviation management operations. Available at <http://www.fire.blm.gov/Standards/redbook.htm>.

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8. National Interagency Mobilization Guide (NFES 2092). This guide provides current dispatching and mobilization direction and procedures.

9. Prescribed Fire Complexity Rating System Guide (NWCG, NFES 2474, PMS 424). This document provides guidance on the process to be utilized in determining the initial complexity elements of a project as high, moderate, or low.

10. Smoke Management Guide for Prescribed and Wildland Fire (NWCG, NFES 1279, PMS 420-1). This publication provides the guidelines for planning and managing smoke from prescribed fires to fulfill air quality requirements through improved smoke management practices. Also available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/pubs.htm>.

11. Weather Station Handbook - An Interagency Guide for Wildland Managers (NWCG, PMS 426-1). This guide provides standards and procedures for site selection, installation, operation and maintenance of automated and manual weather stations.

12. Wildland and Prescribed Fire Management Policy Implementation Procedures Reference Guide. This document provides interagency guidance on carrying out Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy (listed in para. 1 of this section). This guide is available from the Fire and Aviation Management Staff, Forest Service, Washington Office.

13. Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide (NWCG, PMS 310-1). This interagency guide provides descriptions, qualifications, and requirements for fire suppression and prescribed fire positions. Also available at <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>. (For additional direction on Forest Service position qualifications see FSH 5109.17, Fire and Aviation Management Qualifications Handbook.)