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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director

The Forest Service Acquisition and Fire and Aviation Management staffs announced their decision on February 9, 2006, to scale back the national implementation of the Equipment and Training Inventory System (EaTIS) for 2006 (refer to the RFD letter entitled *EaTIS Implementation and EERA Process Changes for 2006*). This year, EaTIS will be piloted in Regions 1, 5, and 6, as well as in two Bureau of Land Management units. However, as was noted in the letter, *all* Regions will still have the responsibility to implement equipment best value analysis, perform pre-season Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA) vendor equipment inspections and complete EERA vendor performance evaluations in 2006. This will help the Forest Service to prepare for the national rollout of EaTIS in 2007.

The attached document provides guidance on Fire and Aviation Management (FAM) responsibilities associated with implementing USDA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) EERA audit recommendations in 2006 and includes: (1) implementation of equipment quality best value analysis, (2) required preseason equipment inspection and vendor employee incident qualification verification, and (3) implementation of a mandatory performance evaluation process.

Process for Completing Inspections and Qualifications Verification

Regions shall identify a process for completing required preseason equipment inspections and incident qualification verification/WCFT monitoring (agency vs. contract) and a point(s) of contact for this effort. Prior to implementation of the inspection process, Regions must designate equipment inspectors (based on zip code or other geographic basis) for pre-season equipment inspection and incident qualifications verification/WCFT monitoring.

Points of Contact

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Molis at (208) 387-5608 or the Regional EaTIS Equipment Subject Matter Experts (SME's) listed on the "Points of Contact" page of the EaTIS internal website <http://soro.r6.fs.fed.us/eatis/>.



The EaTIS program and associated EERA process changes represent a significant change in how the agency will manage the EERA program in the future and require a strong commitment by our Fire and Aviation Management staff and those personnel who support incidents. Please ensure your incident management teams also receive this information. Thank you for your support as we move forward in implementing these changes in 2006.

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