Hazard Abatement Plan - Thirtymile Fire

Enclosure #7



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To: Agency Personnel

From: Fire and Aviation Directors; BLM, FS and FWS

Subject: 2002 Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations

The original "Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations" was created as a result of the South Canyon fire in 1994, and was first published in 1996. Completion of the 2002 version satisfies Action Item 17 of the Thirty-Mile Prevention Action Plan. Most of the standards apply across interagency lines and users will find either (USFS) or (FWS) wording that will guide them to agency-specific direction, located at the end of each chapter.

For the USFS and FWS, the 2002 Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations is now direction that will supplement existing agency manual or handbook direction. The five federal agencies have additional work to complete in order to eliminate or reduce supplemental agency specific direction, which is required by the Federal Fire Policies of 1995 and 2001.

The 2002 version of Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations is an outstanding example of the interagency effort to continually improve efficiency in fire and aviation operations.

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