

Chapter 17 Prescribed Fire

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4 **Introduction**

5 An updated version of the *2006 Interagency Prescribed Fire Planning and*
6 *Implementation Procedures Guide* (IA RX Fire Guide) was issued by the
7 National Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (NWCG) on August 6, 2008. The
8 IA RX Fire guide provides consistent interagency policy, establishes common
9 terms and definitions, and identifies planning and implementation processes for
10 prescribed fire. These procedures meet all policy requirements described in the
11 *2003 Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire*
12 *Management Policy*. The guide and prescribed fire plan template can be
13 accessed electronically at http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy.

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15 The IA RX Fire Guide describes what is minimally acceptable for prescribed
16 fire planning and implementation. Agencies may choose to provide more
17 restrictive standards and policy direction, but must adhere to these minimums.
18 All personnel involved in the prescribed fire planning and implementation
19 process must ensure that specific agency additional standards and or
20 supplemental guidance are followed. Please see agency specific additional
21 guidance:

- 22 • *BLM - IM OF&A 2008 - 026*
- 23 • *FWS - Fire Management Handbook*
- 24 • *FS - FSM 5140 for direction*
- 25 • *NPS - RM-18*

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27 **Use of Pay Plan for Hazardous Fuel Reduction**

28 Refer to the Department of the Interior (DOI) Pay Plan for Emergency Workers
29 for information regarding the use of emergency workers for hazardous fuel
30 reduction projects on Departmental lands. Refer to the Forest Service Pay Plan
31 for Emergency Workers for information regarding the use of emergency workers
32 for hazardous fuel reduction projects on national forests.