

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, National Park Service
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Director, Geological Survey
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
Director, Office of the Wildland Fire Coordinator

From: Secretary

Subject: 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy

I have received the *Review and Update of the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy* and concur with the 2001 Federal Fire Policy and Implementation Actions. A copy is enclosed for your reference.

Each of you is to undertake the following actions:

1. Update manuals, directives, handbooks, and other appropriate documents to reflect the 2001 Federal Fire Policy as soon as feasible.
2. Take appropriate, timely steps to address the Implementation Actions in coordination with other federal departments and agencies.
3. Work with the Departments of Energy, Defense, and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to include them in the full range of policy, planning, and operational aspects of wildland fire management programs, as appropriate and consistent with their programs and activities.
4. Work with state, tribal, and other non-federal organizations to implement the 2001 Federal Fire Policy on an intergovernmental basis.

The Director, Office of the Wildland Fire Coordinator is to provide Department-wide leadership, direction, and coordination to ensure that the 2001 Federal Fire Policy is implemented in a consistent, timely fashion within the Department and with other Departments and agencies and to ensure that implementation is coordinated with the National Fire Plan and other wildland fire management activities and initiatives.

Working with appropriate personnel in other Departments and agencies, the Director, Office of the Wildland Fire Coordinator is to develop options and recommendations for an interagency mechanism for coordinated interagency and interdisciplinary oversight of

implementation of the 2001 Federal Policy, as presented in Implementation Action 9(a). A number of potential options exist for such a mechanism. These options and recommendations are to be prepared and delivered to the appropriate Secretaries and other agency heads no later than June 1, 2001.

Enclosure

cc: Secretary of Agriculture
Secretary of Commerce
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of Energy
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
Chief, U.S. Forest Service
Deputy Secretary
Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget
Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management
Assistant Secretary – Fish and Wildlife and Parks
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Assistant Secretary – Energy and Water