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Fire and Aviation Management (FAM) leadership introduced 47 Management Efficiencies (MEs) in compliance with national leadership direction in October 2006. These MEs were developed to identify areas for FAM to gain program efficiency and potential cost savings.

The MEs were discussed and reviewed by the Deputy Chiefs and eventually presented to the Chief and the Under Secretary of Agriculture, resulting in a portion of the MEs being implemented during FY 2007.

One of the MEs selected for further evaluation and potential implementation was the standardization of engines within the fire program. Specifically, the Efficiency states "Establish a national policy for engine standardization and develop a series of common models to be used nationally. All Geographic Area needs will be considered in the selection of standard models." To move this forward, a committee has been established with representatives from Fire, Fleet, Engineering, and the Line Officer community.

In addition to this effort, the Fleet Business Process Reengineering is moving forward to capitalize on the work done over the past year. Fleet standardization is part of that report and this effort will tie directly into the implementation of the Fleet BPR.

In order to assess where the Forest Service is today, we will collect some additional data relative to Suppression and Prevention Engines. A Data Call database has been established to facilitate gathering the necessary information. It is critical that this letter reaches the appropriate individuals and units within the Forest Service to provide all the data necessary to be analyzed and report all existing equipment. The Fire Vehicle Standardization Committee wishes to take into consideration what currently exists throughout the organization to develop the standard that is most beneficial. A link to the Data Call database is attached to this message. If the link does not work, you can access the database by through your Lotus Notes inbox by:

- Click **File / Database / Open**
- Set the Server to **ENTDATA03** (if you do not see this in the list of servers, select **Other** and in a few moments a complete listing of Notes Servers will come up, select **ENTDATA03**)
- Double click on the yellow **fsfiles** folder
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