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

This letter transmits the concurrence of the Senior Fire Leadership group in accepting recommendations of a national task group to standardize fire engines across the agency. Tenacious work by this task group reduced engine models in the agency from approximately 17 models with 42 variations, to five models with basic options. These models will meet the needs for wildland firefighting regardless of location. Engine standardization will bring economies of scale for engine procurement and maintenance, as well as increase consistency in training and safety procedures when working on familiar apparatus.

Replacements with the new engine standards would phase-in during the course of normal acquisition or replacement of the current engines. The specifications are under development now for use during 2009. Future developments for ordering fire engines will be posted on the Fire and Aviation Management's web page and will include an ordering guide, engine model information, and eventually link to the Fleet web-based application to order new and replacement engines. We encourage you to coordinate with your fleet managers as we improve our efficiencies.

Contact Patti Hiram, Region 9 Fire Director at (414) 297-1280, or Tory Henderson, Branch Chief Equipment and Chemicals at (208) 387-5348, with questions.

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