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Subject: "Large Fire Cost Reduction Action Plan"

To: Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council  
ATTN: Sue Vap, Chair

In accordance with your request dated December 12, 2002, that an interagency team be formed to prepare a cost containment action plan and report, we are pleased to submit the enclosed "Large Fire Cost Reduction Action Plan" to you.

We believe this interagency team of fire management leaders and agency administrators did an excellent job of creating a practical, focused and achievable set of short- and long-term actions that will make a difference. Please note that the formation of two follow-up teams will be necessary for implementation of the two long-term action items that focus on contracting and Preparedness Levels 4 and 5 coordination issues.

The report built upon several outstanding cost containment studies that have been completed since 1994. It notes that implementation of many action items from these previous efforts have been relatively unsuccessful. In that light, we recommend the agencies consider contracting the services of recently-retired fire and business management leaders and agency administrators to monitor the implementation of this report.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

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