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To: Agency Personnel

From: Fire and Aviation Directors; Bureau of Land Management Forest Service U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Park Service

Subject: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

The Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council chartered a task group to annually revise, publish and distribute the federal *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*.

*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* states, references, or supplements policy for Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service fire and fire aviation program management. Agency specific exceptions are identified in the text.

*The Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG) NFES #1077* and the *Fireline Handbook NFES #0065* are the standard references for interagency fire management operations.

For the Bureau of Land Management this document is supplemental policy.

For the USDA Forest Service this document is referenced in *Forest Service Manual 5108*.

For the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this document is supplemental policy.

For the National Park Service this document supplements Reference Manual 18.

This document addresses specific action items that are contained in the Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy.

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The contents of this book are not to be modified. Supplemental agency specific direction of a more restrictive nature may be issued separately.

Suggestions for modification of this publication should be sent to your agency representatives listed on this page.

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