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Subject: National Fire Vehicle Standardization for Interagency Hotshot Crew Vehicles

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

This letter transmits the approval of new standards for Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) vehicles. Standardization will bring economies of scale for vehicle procurement and maintenance, as well as increase consistency in training and safety procedures when using standardized fire vehicles. All IHC vehicles purchased after (date signed) shall meet these new standards.

The standard IHC module configuration will consist of two 10-person crew carriers and one superintendent truck with an optional utility truck at the discretion of the hosting unit. The vehicle specifications will be posted to the FAM website www.fs.fed.us/fire/equipment/index.html. We encourage you to coordinate with your fleet managers as we improve our standards.

I want to thank the Fire Vehicle Standardization Committee (FVSC) for its hard work on this challenging project. Its efforts, in partnership with the National IHC steering committee, have resulted in vehicle specifications that will upgrade the safety for our employees, while meeting the needs for wildland firefighting, regardless of location.

Please contact the FVSC Committee Chair, Leslie Anderson, Branch Chief Equipment and Chemicals, at (406) 329-1043 or landerson@fs.fed.us, with related questions.

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