

Chapter 1 – Introduction

1. **Objective.** Assure safe and efficient interagency smokejumper operations.
2. **Scope.** The standards and procedures established in the “Interagency Section” (this section) of the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide (ISMOG) apply to smokejumper operations conducted by the USDA Forest Service (FS) and the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
3. **Authority.** In addition to the authority outlined in each agencies section of this guide:
 - A. Interagency agreement among the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the Joint Operation of Smokejumper Parachute Delivery Systems.
 - B. Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Department of Interior and U.S. Department of Agriculture, dated January 28, 1943.
 - C. Interagency Agreement between the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for the Joint Operation of Smokejumper Resources, dated April 12, 1985.
4. **Standardization of Equipment & Procedures.** Total mobility and the interchange of personnel and equipment between all smokejumper units regardless of employing agency suggests that both safety and efficiency can be increased as standard operating procedures and equipment are adopted. To achieve this goal the FS and BLM shall work in a collaborative manner to develop, recommend and adopt both standard operating procedures and standardize equipment that will meet both agencies mission. As interagency standards are adopted they shall be placed in this section of the Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide.
5. **Abbreviations used in this section.** BLM = Bureau of Land Management, FS = Forest Service, ISMOG = Interagency Smokejumper Operations Guide, BLMS = BLM Section of the ISMOG. FSS = FS Section of the ISMOG.

C. Base review schedule:

<u>Base</u>	<u>Last Review</u>	<u>Next Review Scheduled For</u>	<u>5-yr Review Required By</u>
Alaska (BLM)	2009	2013	2014
Boise (BLM)	2006	2011	2011
Grangeville (FS-R1)	2009	2013	2014
McCall (FS-R4)	2005	2010	2010
Missoula (FS-R1)	2009	2014	2014
North Cascades (FS-R6)	2008	2012	2013
Redding (FS-R5)	2005	2010	2010
Redmond (FS-R6)	2007	2012	2012
West Yellowstone (FS-R1)	2007	2011	2012