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Memorandum

To: Kimiko Nalle
National Fire Prevention and Education Team Leader

Subject: Delegation of Authority

Many areas in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) are experiencing high to very high drought conditions, with some portions of the southern half of Oregon already at extreme levels. Large wildfires are already occurring in the Northwest with fuel conditions well ahead of historical trends, and observed fire behavior mirroring mid-to-late summer activity. The Northwest Coordination Center's Predictive Services indicates these conditions will extend throughout the summer and likely into the fall.

Through the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordinating Group (PNWCG), agencies collaborate year-round on wildland fire protection, response and prevention issues. Given the current indices, ongoing drought conditions and wildfire potential, agencies have developed their 2014 fire prevention campaigns. In light of these conditions, the PNW State Office/Regional Office asks your Fire Prevention and Education Team (FPET) to continue efforts begun by the FPET during its assignment working at the Northwest Coordination Center [FPET 2014 – 1 (PNW) June 16 – 30, 2014) or “Team 1”]. The first team was asked to help align and leverage our collective interagency campaign efforts throughout Oregon and Washington and to explore options to communicate prevention messaging through the Northwest Coordination Center to help us meet this goal.

As designated team leader, you will work for the Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office and the U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Regional Office.

- Your primary contact will be Lauren Maloney, lmaloney@blm.gov (503) 808-6587. Requests or questions regarding procurement and other financial issues should be directed to Lauren.
- Karen Curtiss, kcurtiss@fs.fed.us (541) 480-8246 will work with your team as a PETL(t).

We ask that you inform and engage the PNWCG Communication Prevention and Investigation Working Team (CPI WT) during your team's assignment, advising them of key team strategies and work products. A sub-set of the working team has agreed to provide review of work products and emerging initiatives and provide feedback within 48 hours of submission to the group for review.

- All publications, and strategic or communication plans or any media releases shall be reviewed by:
 - Lauren Maloney, Bureau of Land Management/US Forest Service
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As CPI WT member schedules shift, more working team members may be available to serve in this role and may be added to this list.

2014 Pacific Northwest Fire Season Prevention & Education Objectives

As the team leader, you will have authority and responsibility to continue implementing the 2014 Strategy to Implement Prevention Team Use developed by Team 1 . implementing them by July 15, 2014 as follows:

- Refine and enhance the Pacific Northwest Communication Strategy to bring to the local level messages to raise public awareness of the severe drought conditions, critical fuel moisture indices, high fire potential, and their role in the prevention of human-caused fires. Specifically, the strategy should:
 - Include information gleaned through Team 1's preliminary analysis and review of PNW fire-cause data.
 - Promote and refine the PNW Fire-Adapted Community blogspot added to the Northwest Coordination Center web page.
 - Continue to identify and prioritize sub-geographic areas in need of heightened prevention, mitigation or fire education assistance during the 2014 season. Develop familiarity with documented prevention needs and requests within Oregon or Washington identified through the efforts of Team 1, refining targeted action steps.
 - Gather more in-depth information on needs within identified areas within the PNW. Priorities may be driven by fire-cause data, requests from local units, availability of local resources to provide more in-depth information, or the logistical needs of the team. The timing of the July 4th Holiday and availability of lodging may even factor into how team assessment of localized efforts is

prioritized and conducted.

- Coordinate with the Regional Arson Task Force, seeking opportunities to share resources and cross-educate agencies and the public on arson and prevention messaging
- Consider statewide and local media campaigns when making local contacts. Do local media markets have good access to stories about the drought and the high wildfire potential?
- Coordinate team efforts with fire prevention employees from all agencies within the PNW.
- Use PNW resources to supplement team actions to help build regional capacity. Seek opportunities to train and mentor PNW prevention and information employees.
- Encourage support and participation in the interagency fire restrictions website (firerestrictions.us).
- Provide information and suggestions to all state and federal agencies.
- Establish a record-keeping process to provide an account of the team's activities, including: contacts made, information developed and distributed, projects completed, recommendations for further action, lessons learned, and expenditure documentation.
- The team's work shall be conducted efficiently and effectively, with an emphasis on team safety. Work/rest guidelines will be strictly adhered to in accordance with agency policy.
- The team will adhere to all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances. These laws include, but are not limited to: state motor vehicle operations regulations, cultural and archaeological protection laws, health and welfare regulations, and environmental protection and hazardous materials laws.
- The team will provide for a harassment-free work environment that treats all team members and contacts with respect.

You are authorized to incur expenses for travel, per diem and salary for your team up to \$50,000 charged to S61111, override 0627. An additional \$15,000 may be charged to a Bureau of Land Management fire severity code provided for you following your in-briefing in Portland, Oregon on Monday, June 30, 2014.

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