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To: State Directors

From: Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation

Subject: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wildland Fire Prevention, Education, and Mitigation Planning Guide DD: December 31, 2012

Program Areas: Fire Prevention, Community Assistance, Fire Investigation and Trespass.

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) provides guidance on completing unit level Fire Prevention, Education, and Mitigation Plans.

Policy/Action: It is BLM policy that all local units have a fire prevention plan that is supported by a mitigation/prevention assessment. The attached guide (Attachment 1) is designed to provide a process and template for completing a Fire Prevention, Education, and Mitigation Plan at the local unit level. Interagency participation is strongly encouraged when developing and implementing. If local units have already completed a fire prevention or similar plan, there is no need to create a new plan as long as the current plan addresses the items in the planning guide.

Timeframe: This IM is effective immediately. The due date for having local unit Fire Prevention, Education, and Mitigation Plans in place is December 31, 2012.

Budget Impact: Minimal additional costs are anticipated to be incurred with the implementation of this guidance. Plans will normally be prepared with on-board personnel.

Background: The *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations* dated January, 2012, states that "Fire programs are required to fund and implement unit level Fire Prevention Plans by completing a wildland mitigation/prevention assessment." However, the Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies (RAMS) software designed to complete fire assessments and fire prevention plans is no longer able to run on the current Windows platform used by the BLM. The new process outlined in this guide can be completed using Microsoft Word and Excel programs.

In 2001, the BLM began implementing new National Fire Plan programs aimed at reducing the risk and impact of wildland fire, and increasing the local fire suppression capabilities of rural fire departments. These programs include Rural Fire Assistance, Ready Reserve, and Community Assistance, which are also addressed in this planning guide.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: This IM has been coordinated with FA-600 staff, and state fire mitigation and education specialists.

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1 Attachment:

1 - BLM Wildland Fire Prevention, Education, and Mitigation Planning Guide (4 pp)

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