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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) Phase II Report - "Managing Wildland Fire: Enhancing Capacity to Implement the Federal Interagency Policy"

We are enclosing the above report dated December 2001, for your information. This is the second phase of a study requested by the Department of the Interior, and is based on six areas identified during Phase I. Those areas are: (1) accountability for policy implementation; (2) interagency coordination; (3) intergovernmental coordination; (4) the use of program evaluation and other means of learning and applying lessons from experience; (5) improvements in risk management processes; and (6) means for more fully meeting the agencies' fire-related workforce needs in the future. Phase II presents the NAPA panel's findings and recommendations in the six study areas.

The panel's work focused on identifying actions that the five major federal land management agencies should take to better implement the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy (Fire Policy) that was initially adopted in 1995 and revised in 2001. The agencies studied, in addition

to the BLM, include the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service in the Department of the Interior, and the Forest Service in the Department of Agriculture.

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1 - Attachment - NAPA Phase II Report - "Managing Wildland Fire: Enhancing Capacity to Implement the Federal Interagency Policy"

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