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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Refresher Training Time Requirement

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We are finalizing the annual updates to Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations, BLM Handbook 9213-1. Among the updates is clarification of the BLM annual fire refresher training policy. We are recommending that four to six hours of annual fire refresher training be required to adequately cover specific core topics including entrapment avoidance, rules of engagement, LCES, 10 Standard Fire Orders, 18 Watch-Out Situations, weather forecasts and assessments, fire shelter training and practice, and other hazards and safety issues. Personnel participating in fire suppression or prescribed fire activities who may be subject to fireline assignments must complete this training.

We recognize the impact these training requirements will have on your operations and would like your feedback.

Please provide your comments to Lee Englesby by Friday, February 1, 2002. E-mail responses to Lee_Englesby@nifc.blm.gov are acceptable.

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