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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Wildfire Computer Aided Dispatch (WildCAD) Application DD: 4/1/2002

The Office of Fire and Aviation Management recently purchased a national site license for WildCAD, a computer aided dispatch application used in initial attack dispatching. This site license allows the Bureau to install WildCAD in BLM dispatch centers. WildCAD is currently being used by BLM offices in Nevada, Utah, and Idaho, and four interagency dispatch centers in California. A user group and board of directors (BoD) has been established by the Forest Service and BLM in these states to support and direct efforts in the use of WildCAD.

The intent of the purchase of the site license was to provide a potential uniform initial attack application throughout BLM dispatch centers, and also to reap the economic benefits of a single quantitative purchase versus multiple single purchases. Prior to the acquisition of the national site license, individual WildCAD license purchases have been acquired under a Forest Service multi-year contract. This contract is valid for two more years.

WildCAD has not been given sanction through the Fire and Aviation Management's Information Technology Investment Board (FAM ITIB) as an OF&A management-supported application. The Fire Leadership Team (FLT) needs to decide whether or not they want WildCAD to have national sanction.

National sanction would create a central focal point for oversight and administration of WildCAD. This focus would be with the National Applications Coordinator at NIFC and would minimize duplication of effort and ensure continuity of actions. Without national sanction, each state/office will be responsible for all operational issues on a local basis.

A decision on WildCAD sanction status as a national application needs to be made. The attached chart is to assist with a rapid response in this action. Please indicate your preference on this attachment

and return to the OF&A, IRM Group, by April 1, 2002.

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Greg Jensen is the national BLM contact for WildCAD. His phone number is (208) 387-5438. If you have any questions concerning the sanctioning of WildCAD, please contact Ken Reninger at (208) 387-5704 or Sheldon Wimmer at (801) 539-4091, FAM ITIB Co-Chairs.

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Question: Should WildCAD receive National Sanction?

State	Yes	No	Remarks
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CALIFORNIA			
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