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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Implementation of National Fire Plan Operation
and Reporting System

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The National Fire Plan Operation and Reporting System (NFPORS) will provide a consistent means for all Federal fire management agencies to plan, conduct, and report work in the areas of hazardous fuels reduction, emergency stabilization and restoration, and community assistance under the National Fire Plan. An interagency team has been working with contractor Booz Allen Hamilton to develop this system in time to begin implementation around August 1, 2002, for use in Fiscal Year 2003.

In order to meet the rigorous schedule necessary for implementation, each State Office is instructed to provide to this office by April 12, 2002, the names of staff who will lead implementation of NFPORS for the State. Please name a lead or primary contact and two alternates who will be able to back up the lead when necessary; include name, phone number, and e-mail address. A suggested approach is to select the staff leaders primarily responsible for each of the hazardous fuels, emergency stabilization/restoration, and community assistance programs, who might already be in logical roles to lead this effort and back up each other. The Implementation Team will consist of these staff personnel from all the BLM State Offices and their counterparts representing regional offices of the Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Members of the Implementation Team will be tasked with organizing, training, and other communication with field offices, which will ultimately be responsible for most of the work. Soon after April 12, team members will be contacted to arrange for training by teleconference, visits at several locations around the country, and perhaps live webcasts to minimize travel for most.

Once the system is fully implemented, it is intended to reduce the need for data calls to the field. Field offices will enter and update data on projects by the most efficient means available. Minimizing duplication of reporting in different data systems is another goal of the system; however, NFPORS will require an additional reporting effort during this first year of implementation. You can anticipate that this August, State Office staff will be entering data provided by field offices about projects planned for FY 2003 into the new system.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Moore (208-387-5150), Al Murphy (208-387-5169), or Roy Johnson (208-387-5163).

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