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To: State Directors
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
Subject: Visits to the Fireline

Program Area: Fire Management

Purpose: Provide policy for visitors to the fireline.

Policy Action: This memorandum establishes the policy for visits to incidents by non-incident essential individuals (agency or non-agency).

Individuals (agency or non-agency) wishing to visit the fireline must meet the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements listed in Chapter 4 of BLM Handbook 9213-1, *Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2002*. In addition, all non-incident essential personnel, regardless of red-card status, will be escorted. Escorts must be qualified at the Single Resource Boss (Crew or Engine) level.

This policy does not preclude providing fire-related training to interested parties who may have a need or desire to visit incidents. Education of non-fire personnel is encouraged to help inform individuals of our fire program and related safety requirements. However, red cards will not be issued to individuals (agency or non-agency) who will not be performing duties related to incident management.

Timeframe: Effective immediately.

Budget Impact: No impact.

Background: Clarify policy regarding requirements for visits to incidents.

Manual/Handbook Section Affected: *Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2002*, BLM Handbook 9213-1, Chapter 4.

Contact: If you have any questions concerning this policy, you may contact Lee Englesby at (208) 387-5060.

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