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To: State Directors
Attn: State Fire Management Officers (FMO)

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Interagency Agreements for National Lightning Detection Network (NLDN)

As a result of recent changes in organizational structure within the Office of Fire and Aviation (OF&A), the position of National Lightning Detection Coordinator has been placed under the Chief, Information Resource Management (IRM). In addition, changes in business practices pertaining to interagency agreements will be implemented.

Historically, most interagency business concerning the National Lightning Detection Network (NLDN) has been handled via the Remote Sensing Program Manager with funds transferred via letter of authority or included in the Remote Area Weather Station (RAWS) Annual Operations Plan (AOP). In an effort to better meet the needs of all parties concerned, the Bureau will be initializing separate agreements with each agency to cover NLDN issues.

Phil Sielaff will be contacting each of your organizations to coordinate the implementation of the new process for NLDN requirements, fiscal issues, and duties. A part of Mr. Sielaff's assignment will be to establish an account to pay for each of your agency's NLDN obligations.

Any questions or concerns on this change may be directed to John Gebhard, IRM Chief at (208) 387-5164 or Phil Sielaff, National Lightning Detection Coordinator at (208) 387-5679.

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