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To: State Directors

From: Director, National Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: ***SAFEWORKS: Critical Thinking for Cultural Change*** -  
Firefighter Nominations Requested

DD: December 30, 1999

The purpose of this memo is to announce and request nominations from the field for the subject interagency workshop.

The SAFEWORKS workshop is designed to bring 25 front line firefighters together to develop products and projects relating to firefighter safety and the implementation of Safety Awareness in the Fire Environment (SAFE). It also provides firefighters the opportunity to receive training in leadership and teamwork. SAFEWORKS is a four-week, intense workshop for firefighters who are committed to improving safety on the fireline.

Nominations for the SAFEWORKS workshop must be submitted through your local fire management officer to Sandy Guches of this office by December 30, 1999. Each nomination must include a supervisor's summary of the work-related qualities addressed in the announcement. A nomination form is attached for your convenience and should be used for nomination submissions. Nominations will be screened and selections for SAFEWORKS made by an interagency team of fire management officers. Selectees will be notified by January 20, 2000.

This workshop requires that participants complete prework for the team/leadership training as well as study of Phase III of the Wildland Firefighter Safety Awareness Study (now referred to as the SAFE Initiative). Travel and per diem expenses will be paid by the BLM national office.

A SAFEWORKS announcement is attached for your convenience in distributing and posting. Questions regarding this workshop may be addressed to Sandy Guches at 208-387-5175. Additional nomination forms are also available from Sandy.

/s/Edward W. Shepard  
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2 - Attachments

1 - SAFEWORKS Announcement (1 p.)

2 - SAFEWORKS: Nomination Form (2 pp.)