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To: All Field Offices

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS) "1st Responder" Training DD: 04/21/00

The Remote Sensing/Fire Weather Support Unit at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) has scheduled a RAWS "First Responder" training class for the week of May 1 - 5, 2000. If you would like to attend or nominate someone, please refer to the attached training documentation for further details and reply no later than April 21, 2000.

Any questions may be directed to either Buddy Adams (208) 387-5475 or Bob McCormick at (208) 387-5726.

Signed by:
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Authenticated by:
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3 Attachments:

- 1 - Training Announcement (1p)
- 2 - Training Nomination Form (1p)
- 3 - Prerequisite Form (1p)

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**TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT
RAWS FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING**

- DATE:** May 1st -5th
- LOCATION:** BLM/NIFC Building 410-C, 2nd floor
- DESCRIPTION:** This class is designed to provide personnel with the necessary training and skills to perform limited repairs on RAWS.
- OBJECTIVE:** Upon completion of this class, participants will be able to perform corrective maintenance procedures on Handar H540/H555 RAWS.
- TARGET GROUP:** This class is intended for individuals who use RAWS data and are available to provide initial response to a RAWS related repair.
- PREREQUISITES:** Attached prerequisite form must be completed and return to class coordinator no later than April 14th, 2000. Students must bring a laptop computer to class.
- INSTRUCTOR:** Buddy Adams (208) 387-5726
- HOW TO APPLY:** Fax completed nomination and prerequisite forms to (208) 387-5397, Attention: Buddy Adams. Nominees will be selected on April 17th.

FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING NOMINATION FORM

Name:

Job Title:

Office:

Mailing Address:

Work Phone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Supervisor Name:

Supervisor Phone Number:

PREREQUISITE FORM

Do you have any experience in maintaining RAWS? _____yes _____no If yes, describe:

Why are you attending this training?

Are you familiar with Handar 540 or 555 data collection systems? ____yes ____no
If yes, describe:

Are you familiar with the BLM/NIFC RAWS web-site?

AGREEMENT:

If I am selected for this training, I agree to using the knowledge gained in support of the Bureau's First Responder program by assisting in the corrective maintenance of RAWS in my work area.

Signature

In approving this application for training, I agree that this knowledge will be put to use in our area to assist in the corrective maintenance of RAWS. Further, the above employee will be encouraged and allowed time to perform this work. Additionally, he/she will be allowed opportunities to share this knowledge and skills with other employees in our area and provide assistance, if necessary, to adjacent areas as requested.

Supervisor's Signature