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To: Assistant Directors, State Directors, Center Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Fire Conference 2000: The First National Congress on Fire Ecology, Prevention
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The Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP), California Association for Fire Ecology (CAFÉ), Tall Timbers Research Station (TTRS), and the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF), in cooperation with University Extension, University of California, Davis (UCD), are sponsoring the *First National Congress on Fire Ecology, Prevention, and Management*. They are inviting submission of abstracts for oral presentations, workshops, posters, vendors, and new technology. This conference will be held November 27 - December 1, 2000, in San Diego, CA. A copy of the announcement is attached.

The Bureau of Land Management has many individuals who are performing on the "leading edge" in wildland fire management. We would like to highlight some of these efforts at this Fire Conference. We have asked three people on the National Office Staff to help ensure that the Bureau is fully represented at this conference. They will work with the states to identify participants and their topics so abstracts are submitted by the June 1, 2000, deadline.

Melanie Miller will work with Oregon, Montana, Alaska, and WO-200; Carl Gossard will work with Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and NARSC; and Pat Durland will work with Idaho, California, and Nevada.

Our objective is to have at least one paper for presentation and four to six posters on display at this conference in San Diego. The Bureau is doing a lot of good work in these areas, and we need to showcase ourselves at Conferences such as these. We strongly encourage you to identify individuals for participation in the paper and poster sessions. We also encourage Bureau participation as attendees at the conference. Enrollment information for participants is included in the announcement.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Carl Gossard, 208-387-5419, Melanie Miller, 208-387-5165, or Pat Durland, 208-387-5162.

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1 - Attachment

1 - Fire Conference 2000 Announcement and Registration (4 pp.)

Announcement and Call for Papers for Presentations, Posters, Vendor and Technology Exhibits

Updated information located on CAFÉ's website <http://ice.ucdavis.edu/cafe>

**Fire Conference 2000:
The First National Congress on
Fire Ecology, Prevention and Management**

November 27-December 1, 2000

held at the

Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, San Diego, CA

Presented by:

**Joint Fire Science Program
California Association for Fire Ecology
International Association of Wildland Fire
Tall Timbers Research Station**

in cooperation with

University Extension, University of California, Davis

The Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP), California Association for Fire Ecology (CAFÉ), Tall Timbers Research Station (TTRS) and the International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF), in cooperation with University Extension, University of California, Davis (UCD), are inviting submission of abstracts for oral presentations, workshops, posters, vendors, new technology and hands-on demonstrations for the *First National Congress on Fire Ecology, Prevention and Management*. Organizations and associations are also encouraged to hold related meetings which can be worked into the conference or function independently during parts of the conference.

Fire research and management are greatly changing and the tasks of the fire management organizations are much broader than they were just a few years ago. Fire management is now in the forefront of natural resource management and land management planning nationwide, and fire related issues are more complex each year. Research is developing rapidly to provide both a basic understanding of fire in ecosystems and to meet the growing management needs. We feel that it is important for channels of communication to be open, and for everyone to develop a greater understanding of a much bigger picture than they have needed in the past. One way of facilitating this change is to assemble the separate specialized groups of fire researchers and managers in a common conference that can offer both big picture overviews and specialized workshops, symposia and meetings that meet the needs of the specialties.

Perhaps the most important reason to hold a national conference is to work toward a broadly based, multi-disciplined, multi-perspective fire community with better communications and interactions between groups that are currently disconnected or communicating ineffectively. It

is not the intent of this congress to completely replace more specialized conferences, symposia or workshops, but to provide another option with greater and easier access to a national forum, and to promote interaction.

JFSP, CAFÉ, IAWF, TTRS and UCD have successfully developed fire conferences over the past few years. These conferences have been highly successful in bringing together individuals from federal, state and local researchers and fire managers, non-governmental organizations, as well as university researchers and students. It is anticipated that this conference can build on these successes by combining resources and expanding the scope of the conference to include several topics at a national scale.

Concurrent Symposia and Workshops

Papers will be accepted for oral presentations, posters, workshops, new technology and hands-on demonstrations in the following areas:



***Social and Economic Aspects of Fire
Fire Prevention/Education***



Wildland Fire Use



Fire and Air Quality/Smoke Management



Fire History



***Applying Fire in Ecosystem and Habitat
Restoration***



Invasive Species and Fire



Wildlife Fire Interactions



***Fire and Watershed, Water Quality and
Aquatic Ecosystems***



Fire Meteorology/Climatology



Ecosystem Management



Fire and Insect and Pathogen Interactions



Technology, Poster and Vendor Fair

It is anticipated that the papers will range from applied management projects to national programs and theoretical research, and will represent all of the geographic regions of the United States. We are also interested in developing sessions and invite proposals for cooperative sessions with additional organizations and associations.

Submitting Abstracts for Presentations, Posters Technology and Vendor Exhibits

All abstracts are to be submitted by June 1. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words in length and include the title, authors' names and affiliations. For all presentations, workshops and exhibits, clearly state the presenter's/exhibitor's name and contact information. Also include the primary and secondary track it is associated with.

Please submit all abstracts to Sandra Cooper via e-mail to scooper@unexmail.ucdavis.edu or mail a hardcopy and a disk copy to her at:

Sandra Cooper
University Extension
UC Davis
1333 Research Park Drive, #271
Davis, CA 95616

Requests for Meeting Space

For information on scheduling attached meetings, contact Neil Sugihara by June 1, at (916) 364-2854. Meeting space is limited and will fill quickly, so please respond early.

Proceedings

A proceedings including manuscripts from both the oral and poster presentations will be published by IAWF and JFSP. Contribution of papers will be mandatory for the *Invasive Species and Fire Symposium*, and optional for the other sessions. Author instructions, and timelines will be provided soon after the agenda is finalized.

Contributors/Supporters

Agencies, associations and businesses are invited to participate as a contributor or supporter for this conference. This designation provides your organization with recognition of your support on the front cover of promotional pieces and conference materials. It also provides complimentary enrollments and exhibit space during the event. Interested parties must confirm their intent to participate as a contributor or supporter by June 1. Contact Sandra Cooper for more information.

Conference Dates, Times and Location

Monday, November 27 to Friday, December 1, 2000. There will be a welcoming social Monday, 6-8:30 p.m. A plenary session will kick-off the conference on Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. Concurrent sessions will run from Tuesday 1 p.m. to Friday at 10 a.m. An optional dinner banquet is scheduled for Thursday evening.

A discounted hotel room rate will be available for \$96.00 (tax included) per night for a single or double room for those who make their reservations prior to November 2. Space is limited and reservations will be made on a first come basis. Hotel information below:

Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 291-7131

Enrollment Fee and Deadline

Choose from two packages:

Enroll in 002U631 for \$325. This price includes all conference materials, 2 socials, exhibit admission, the proceedings and 3 lunches. Enroll in 002U632 for \$275 and you'll receive the same as above except the lunches will NOT be provided.

Presenters and exhibitors who want to attend the conference presentations are expected to pay the full enrollment fee and register accordingly.

Information on the optional banquet will be available at a later date.

Pre-enrollment is requested by November 13, 2000.

If you would like to enroll by using your VISA, MasterCard, Discover or purchase order account, please call University Extension, UC Davis Registration office at (800) 752-0881. From Davis or Woodland call 757-8777. Website on-line and US mail registration will be available at a later date.

Credit

This conference offers 2.6 continuing education units (CEU) through University Extension. CEU's are nationally recognized means of recording noncredit study. They are accepted by many employers as evidence of a serious commitment to career advancement and professional competence.

Approval for the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the Wildlife Society is pending.

For More Information

For more updated information see the CAFÉ website at <http://ice.ucdavis.edu/cafe/>. If you have any technical questions, please feel free to contact Neil Sugihara, USDA Forest Service at (916) 364-2854 or Tim Sexton at (208) 861-5043. For more logistical and/or registration information, call Sandra Cooper at the Land Use and Natural Resources office, University Extension, University of California, Davis, at (530) 757-8948 or e-mail her at scooper@unexmail.ucdavis.edu.

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November 27-December 1, 2000

Deadlines and Instructions for Abstracts, Submitted Papers and Exhibits

Important Deadlines:

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| ➤ Oral presentation draft abstract/description with completed application form | June 1 |
| ➤ Technology fair/poster/hands-on demo – draft abstract/description with application form | June 1 |
| ➤ Notification of presentation acceptance | July 1 |
| ➤ Notification of all exhibit types acceptance | July 1 |
| ➤ Oral presentation – final abstract with disk copy | October 5 |
| ➤ All exhibit types final abstract with disk copy | October 22 |
| ➤ Conference | November 27- December 1 |
| ➤ Final papers for proceedings | Not available |

Abstract Preparation:

The abstract should start with a succinct statement of the problem, the results achieved, their significance and a comparison with previous work. This material should be understandable to non-specialists. The total length should not exceed 500 words. The conference presentation and exhibit abstracts will be printed and handed out at the conference.

Paper Format:

Submitted papers cannot exceed 18 pages, double-spaced, 12-pt. font and must be submitted in an electronic format. Authors wishing their papers not to be peer-reviewed will have only their abstracts published. Please indicate the topic for which your paper/abstract is intended. Additional formatting information will be sent upon acceptance.

Conference Proceedings:

Abstracts of all presentations will be published in the conference proceedings. Those papers which authors wish to have published in their entirety must be successfully peer-reviewed. All successfully reviewed papers will be published.

Notification:

Authors will be notified of acceptance or rejection by July 1. An author of each accepted paper is expected to attend the conference and present the paper, otherwise, alternative arrangements should be made to have the paper presented in advance of the conference, informing the conference coordinator of the presenter's name.

Technology Fair and Poster/Hands-On Demonstration Sessions:

These sessions will be setup according to the needs of the exhibits as long as space is available. Therefore, please fill out the application accordingly. Neither the hotel nor anyone affiliated with the conference will be held responsible for loss or damage. Interested parties must submit their application to Sandra Cooper by June 1. A peer group will review all entries, and selection will be based on topic description. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by July 1.

