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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: 2001 Preparedness Reviews

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The Bureau's *Standards for Fire Operations* requires the Director, Office of Fire and Aviation, to conduct fire preparedness reviews annually so all states are reviewed within a four-year period.

In complying with this standard, this office will be reviewing the following states in 2001:

Arizona	Mid May
Utah	Mid June
Oregon	Mid June

Specific dates will be finalized after coordination with state focal points.

These reviews will utilize checklists outlined in the "Interagency Preparedness Review Guide." The reviews will be conducted by three separate teams made up of practitioners and field resource management personnel from within-and-out of state. The use of interagency partners is encouraged.

At a minimum, participation will include expertise in the following areas:

- Line Management
- Safety
- Fire Operations
- Fire Business Management
- Dispatch/Logistics
- Aviation
- Prescribed Fire
- Prevention/Education

As requested by the State Fire Management Officers, the Office of Fire and Aviation will play a major role in conducting these reviews. Last year's team nominations were sparse and several individuals withdrew their names close to the review start dates. To ensure quality reviews it is essential that states determine individuals' availability for membership on the review teams for the entire duration of the review. All states are required to submit the names of three individuals and areas of expertise to this office by March 16, 2001.

The reviews are an excellent training and career development opportunity for employees to participate in evaluations of fire and aviation programs that they otherwise may not be able to see. The Office of Fire and Aviation will pay the travel, per diem, and overtime for team members.

The above requested information and any questions may be directed to Rick Jensen, Office of Fire and Aviation, 208-387-5710.

Thank you for your support and commitment to this extremely important effort.

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