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The devastating fire season of 2000 claimed the attention of the public and elected officials alike when more than seven million acres burned. By season's end, almost 30,000 firefighters, including more than 2,500 members of the U.S. military plus fire managers from Canada, Australia, Mexico, and New Zealand, helped suppress almost 100,000 wildland fires in more than 40 states at an estimated cost of almost \$2 billion.

In August President Clinton asked the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to develop recommendations on how to reduce the impacts of fire on rural communities and ensure sufficient firefighting resources in the future. Their response, "Managing the Impacts of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment: A Report to the President in Response to the Wildfires of 2000," was issued September 8, 2000. To help prevent or reduce the threats from catastrophic wildland fire to communities and natural resources, the President and Congress approved a substantial budget increase for Federal wildland agencies. The report from the Secretaries and the work to implement what Congress asked us to do in the 2001 Appropriations Act has, in essence, become the National Fire Plan for BLM and other Federal wildland agencies this year.

Fire management is and will continue to be a major program for our agency and will require much of your attention. To assist agency executives in directing fire management programs, a new course is being sponsored by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG). This course is designed for agency executives at the state director, regional director, regional forester, area director, state forester, and national level. It provides a comprehensive look at the agency

executive's leadership role within the fire management program, including Federal and state wildland fire management policies and the National Fire Plan.

The objectives of the session are to: (1) familiarize agency executives with the Federal and state wildland fire policies; (2) discuss the current social, political, and economic factors that influence the management of wildland fire; and (3) identify agency executive actions necessary to implement the National Fire Plan while focusing on accountability and cooperation.

A "Fire Management Leadership for Agency Executives" session will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 10-11, 2001. A draft agenda is attached for your information. It is essential that we, as agency executives, increase our knowledge regarding fire management policies and issues by attending this national interagency session. Please confirm your attendance with Larry Hamilton, Director, Office of Fire and Aviation, at 208-387-5446, by Monday, April 2. Upon confirmation of your attendance, you will receive a participant's package with detailed information on the session and the lodging arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact Larry.

Signed by:  
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1 - Attachment  
1 - Draft Agenda (2 pp.)

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Thursday May 10, 2001	NATIONAL ADVANCED RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER
0800 1200	Travel To Albuquerque
1300	Administrative Details  <div style="text-align: right;">Cyndie Hogg</div>
1315	Welcome/Introductions Session Objectives and Expectations  <div style="text-align: right;">Dale Bosworth Steering Committee Chair</div>
1330	Welcome to New Mexico  <div style="text-align: right;">Invited Speaker Gary Johnson Governor of New Mexico</div>
1400	Keynote Speakers -  <div style="text-align: right;">Invited Speakers Gale A. Norton - Dept of Interior Ann Veneman - Dept of Agriculture</div>
1500	Break
1530	National Fire Plan Panel  <div style="text-align: right;">Panel Moderator - Michael Rains - FS Lyle Laverty - FS Jim Hubbard - NASF Tim Hartzell - DOI</div>
1800	No host-bar
1845	Catered Dinner banquet
1945	Banquet speaker  <div style="text-align: right;">Invited Speaker Governor Dick Kempthorne Western Governors Assc</div>

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Friday May 11, 2001	<b>NATIONAL ADVANCED RESOURCE TECHNOLOGY CENTER</b>	
0800	Revised Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and States' Policies	Tom Mills - FS Jim Douglas - DOI Jerry Geissler - NASF
0900	Fire Organization and Interagency Management	Panel Moderator - Jim Hull - State of Texas Don Artley - Chair of National Wildfire Coordinating Group Roger Erb, Chair of National MAC
1000		Break
1030	Joint Fire Science Program	Dr. Sue Conard - FS Dr. Robert Lewis - FS
1100	The Political Aftermath of Fire Management	Denis P. Galvin - NPS
1145	Session Closeout  Steering Committee Chair	Dale Bosworth
1300	Travel to Airport	