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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Biennial Airtanker/Leadplane Workshop DD: 11/15/98

The biennial Airtanker/Leadplane Workshop will be held in Reno, Nevada, from December 15-17, 1998. Airtanker Base Managers and Air Tactical Group Supervisors (ATGS) will hold concurrent workshops. Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) aviation office, leadplane pilots, ATGS and air tanker base managers community are encouraged to participate. Airtanker owners and operators, airtanker flight crewmembers and chief of maintenance will be in attendance. The workshop is hosted by the United States Forest Service.

Objectives of these workshops are increased operational safety and efficiency of aerial fire fighting. Discussion and resolution of airtanker, leadplane, ATGS and tanker base operational concerns will take place during these workshops. New industry or government procedures and recommendations will be presented and reviewed.

An all attendees general session will commence at 0800 hours Tuesday, December 15th. A hotel provided complimentary social hour is provided after the general session. Specialty workshops will be conducted on Wednesday and Thursday. Agenda's for the Specialty workshops are being developed. These agendas will be distributed prior to the workshop dates. Complete and return the attached form prior to November 15, 1998. Include detailed information concerning issues or discussion items that are important to you. Submit your issues and discussion topics to the National Aviation Office in Boise, Idaho. Workshop recommendations will be forwarded to the appropriate program manager.

Lodging is available at the Eldorado Hotel at a cost of \$40.00 per day plus 9 percent tax. Reservations should be made by November 15. The phone number for the El Dorado is 800-648-5966, inform the person taking your reservation that you are with the Airtanker Leadplane Group. The rates apply from Sunday, December 13 through Thursday December 17, 1998. Airport shuttle information can be acquired when making reservations.

For additional information about the various workshops contact Skip Scott at 208-387-5448.

Signed by:  
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Attachment  
Aerial Firefighting Workshop Reply form (2 pgs.)

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**AERIAL FIREFIGHTING WORKSHOPS  
DECEMBER 15-17, 1998**

**Reply Due November 15, 1998**

**WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FOR:**

**ATGS [ ] AIRTANKER FLIGHT CREW [ ] AIRTANKER BASE MANAGER [ ]**

**AIRTANKER MAINTENANCE [ ] LEADPLANE PILOT [ ]**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGENCY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITION (FIRE):** \_\_\_\_\_ **PH:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUGGESTED DISCUSSION TOPIC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL YOU LEAD THE SUGGESTED DISCUSSION? YES [ ] NO [ ]**

**ISSUES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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