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Attached is information regarding an upcoming training opportunity. Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Manager training will be offered at the National Interagency Fire Center June 15-18, 1999. The attachment includes specific information on how to apply for this course. Please distribute this information throughout your organizations.

We look forward to continuing to meet the training needs throughout the Bureau by providing high quality training to meet identified needs. If you have any questions regarding NIFC BLM's fire training program, please contact Larry Sutton at 208-387-5374.

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1 Attachment (2pp)  
1 - Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Manager Training

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## **SINGLE ENGINE AIR TANKER (SEAT) MANAGER TRAINING**

Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) Manager Training will be conducted in Boise, Idaho June 15-18, 1999. As you are aware, the training of SEAT managers to function in both an exclusive-use contract and call-when-needed management role is a high priority in the Bureau.

Priority is being given to BLM attendees. This memorandum is being disseminated only to the BLM states so that we can assess the number of nominations received, then open the course up to other agencies. Due to the exercise-driven nature of the course, class size is limited to 20-24 people, so please consider your nominations carefully.

**Course Dates:** June 15, 1999 8:00 a.m. - June 18, 1999, 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** NIFC, Great Basin Training Building, Boise, ID.

**Course Coordinator:** Hugh Carson, NIFC, Phone: 208-387-5321; Fax: 208-387-5378; E-mail: hcarson@nifc.blm.gov

**Target Group:** Individuals who will be made available to manage contract or Call When Needed SEAT aircraft and who have met the prerequisite training requirements below. Due to the limitations on class size, only those individuals whom states can reasonably commit to being made available for the 1999 fire season as a SEAT Manager should be nominated. Priority will be given to individuals who will be assigned as a SEAT Manager to exclusive-use SEAT contracts.

**Prerequisite Training:** I-100; S-110, S-270 or S-217

**Prerequisite Experience:** None, though dispatch or aviation experience is helpful.

**Pre-Course Work:** Selected individuals will be sent pre-course work in April. Depending on individual's past experience, completion may take 4-8 hours. It must be completed and returned to the course coordinator by May 21, 1999. Individuals who do not submit the pre-course work by the due date will not be admitted to the class.

**Trainee Nominations.** Nominations should be completed using the standard NWCG Training Nomination Form.

All nominations must first be reviewed by the BLM State Training Officer who will develop a list of applicants prioritized by name. High priority should be given to persons who will be functioning as SEAT Managers on exclusive-use contracts in 1999, and their names highlighted on the list.

The prioritized list and individual training nomination forms should be sent as a package to the course coordinator. Individual nominations received directly from districts or individuals will be returned to the BLM State Training Officer for review and prioritization. Course inquiries may also be directed to the course coordinator.

**Nomination Due Date:** February 15, 1999. Send prioritized list of nominees along with individual NWCG training nomination forms to: Attn: Hugh Carson, FA-230, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705-5354

**Trainee Selection Notification:** February 26, 1999

**Tuition:** No tuition is charged for BLM students unless cancellation occurs after May 1, 1999. After that time, a tuition/cancellation charge of \$150 will be assessed to the charge code on the nomination form.

**Cancellations:** Due to limited class size, it is imperative that cancellations be relayed in a timely manner to the course coordinator so that trainee substitutions can be made. Cancellations after May 1, 1999 will be assessed a cancellation charge of \$150.

<b><u>Time line:</u></b>	Nominations Due	February 15, 1999
	Selection Notification	February 26, 1999
	Cancellation Deadline	May 1, 1999
	Pre-Course Work Due	May 21, 1999
	Course	June 15- 18, 1999

If you have any questions, please contact Hugh Carson, Course Coordinator, at 208-387-5321.