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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: 1999 Fire and Aviation Preparedness Reviews DD: 3/1/99

Information Bulletin OF&A 99-027 announced the 1999 Preparedness Reviews and a call for participants from the field. We would like to emphasize that aviation is a key component of these reviews. The Office of Fire and Aviation began conducting fire preparedness reviews formally during the 1997 fire season. The reviews were lead by Office of Fire and Aviation staff and incorporated field fire and aviation personnel in the entire process. They have been highly successful in the fact that employees from the field level can experience the process of a national review and see and understand how their peers perform the same tasks; the National Office Staff maintains valuable field contacts. As a result many of the participants have recently been selected for task and subject matter expert groups relating to their area of expertise. This is a "Win-Win" situation for the Bureau's fire and aviation program.

Four states are scheduled for preparedness reviews for the 1999 fire year.

Colorado	Fire and Aviation Review	May 16-28
Nevada	Fire and Aviation Review	June 21-July 2
Montana	Fire and Aviation Review	July 6-16
Alaska	Aviation Review	June 7-11

This opportunity is targeted for fire and aviation personnel at the operational level. Offices are encouraged to submit names for any of the reviews based on availability for the above timeframes. It is understood that individuals selected must commit for the entire timeframe. All travel, per diem, and overtime will be paid by the Office of Fire and Aviation.

Please include the following information with your nominations:

Name	Office	Position	Expertise	Dates Available
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Please submit the above information by March 1 to Paul Hefner via GROUPWISE or call 208-387-5169.

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