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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

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A few months ago the National Office of Fire and Aviation (OF&A) distributed to you the "International Program FY 98 Activity Report." At the National Fire and Aviation conference in Seattle, in December, I had the opportunity to address State Fire Management Officers and key members of their staffs on where we have been and where we are going in the International Program. I also had the chance to publicly thank those employees from your staff who participated in international activities either personally on an international assignment, or in support of one of our program activities here in the U.S.

As we refine the international activities for this year, I look forward to your continuing support for OF&A's International Program where we strive for the goals of sharing ideas, techniques and skills with other countries in order to learn new methods of dealing with the common problem of wildland fire. I also believe in the importance of the less tangible benefits of the program, increasing creativity, improving innovative thinking and raising the professionalism of BLM personnel.

OF&A staff will be contacting your fire staff to canvas their desire and ability to participate in this year's activities, which may include hosting international fire officials and technicians, or participating in an international assignment.

Thank you again for your continued support of this valuable Bureau program.

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