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To: SDs

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Request for Nominations for Engine Operator Training Course DD: 3/5/99

Attached is information regarding an upcoming training opportunity. Engine Operator (ENOP) training will be offered at the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) in Twin Falls, Idaho, June 2-7, 1999. The attachment includes specific information on how to apply for this course. Please distribute this information throughout your organizations. We request a minimum of two students be nominated per State.

A great deal of effort has gone into making arrangements for this course to allow for low costs for units sending trainees. A tuition cost of \$175 will be charged to cover course costs as well as room and board for each trainee.

This course uses BLM Engines, both heavy and light, as the teaching tools for the Engine Operator position. It will be the responsibility of the sending unit to determine whether or not to send one of their own engines. Sending units are encouraged to perform cost analyses to determine whether mileage rates for engines would be more expensive than airplane tickets for trainees. For example, Use Rate costs for heavy engines are high enough that any student coming from more than 200 miles away would probably be able to obtain an airplane ticket for a lower cost. Of course, if there were three students from the same location, sending the engine might be more cost effective. Sending units must make cost effectiveness determinations on a case-by-case basis. Once students are selected, it will be determined how many engines (both heavy and light) are needed for the trainees and the required number and type of engines will be obtained from local BLM resource areas as needed. The intent is to have students train on the type of engine that they will be working with during fire season.

Engines that are sent to this training course should be mechanically sound upon arrival at the training location. Engines with mechanical problems cannot be used due to safety and functional concerns. All engines will be inspected upon arrival at Twin Falls. Mechanical problems that are identified will be fixed, with repairs charged to the sending unit.

We look forward to continuing to meet the training needs of fire organizations throughout the Bureau by providing high quality training to meet identified needs. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Al Olson at 208-387-5308.

Signed by:
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Acting Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Authenticated by:
Pat Lewis
Supervisory Mgmt. Asst.

2 Attachments

- 1 - Engine Operator Training (2 pp)
- 2 - NWCG Interagency Training Nomination (1 p)

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ENGINE OPERATOR TRAINING

Engine Operator Training will be conducted in Twin Falls, Idaho June 2-7, 1999. The standardization of training and qualification for this position has been identified as a high priority in the Bureau. This course is open to BLM personnel only.

Course Dates: June 2, 1999, 0800 - June 7, 1999, 1700. June 1 and June 8 will be travel days.

Location: College Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Course Coordinator: Al Olson, NIFC, Phone: 208-387-5308; Fax: 208-387-5378; E-mail: aolson@nifc.blm.gov

Target Group: The target audience for the course is people who meet all the prerequisites for Engine Operator (identified below) and who are thought to have upward mobility within the Bureau's fire program. Priority will be given to individuals who will be assigned to an engine during the 1999 field season.

Prerequisite Training: S-130, S-131, S-190, S-211, I-100.

Prerequisite Experience: Must be fully qualified as an FFT1 (Advanced Firefighter/Squad Boss).

Pre-Course Work: Applicants who are selected to attend the course will be sent pre-course work in early April. It must be completed and returned to the Course Coordinator by May 3, 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. A management code must be included in Part III of the 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 on engines during the 1999 field season.

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: March 5, 1999. Send prioritized list of nominees along with individual NWCG training nomination forms to: Attn: Al Olson, FA-230, National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705-5354

Trainee Selection Notification: March 19, 1999

Tuition: Tuition of \$175 will be charged to cover course costs as well as room and board.

Cancellations: Due to class size considerations and logistical concerns, it is imperative that cancellations be relayed in a timely manner to the Course Coordinator so that trainee substitutions can be made. Cancellations after April 16, 1999 will be assessed a cancellation charge of \$175.

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| <u>Time line:</u> | Nominations due | March 5, 1999 |
| | Selection Notification | March 19, 1999 |
| | Cancellation Deadline | April 16, 1999 |
| | Pre-Course Work Due | May 3, 1999 |
| | Course | June 2-7, 1999 |

If you have any questions, please contact Al Olson, Course Coordinator, at 208-387-5308.

NWCG Interagency Training Nomination

PART I Registration Completion is required. Submit one form per course.

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| Course Name | | FOR COURSE SPONSOR/HOST USE ONLY PRIORITY _____ of _____ |
| Course Date(s) | Course Location | Course Tuition (if required) |
| Nominee's Name | | Date Submitted |
| Working Job Title | DG, IAMS, or FAX Address | |
| Sponsor or Agency (Name, Address-number, street, city, state, zip) | Nominee's Mailing Address (if different.) | |
| Telephone No. Comm: FTS: | Telephone No. Comm: (if different) FTS: | |
| I will notify the Course Coordinator/Training Center if I am unable to attend, so others will be allowed to take the course. | | |

PART II Experience Complete or attach Qualification & Experience Record printout, if required.

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| Do you meet all of the NWCG or additional Agency PREREQUISITES for the course? (Reference NWCG 310-1 or Agency Manual). Yes/No List your past experience pertinent to this course. List training completed and dates pertinent to this course: |
| Nominee's Signature: |
| Remarks: |

PART III Financial Complete if required.

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| Attach additional financial forms as stipulated by the Training Announcement or required by the Training Centers. | |
| Management Code or Charge Code Number _____ | |
| Make payment to Sponsoring Agency. | |
| This agreement constitutes authority for the Vendor (Sponsoring Agency) to submit a bill to the above agency. | |
| Authorizing Signiture (Agency Administrator) | Date |