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To: All Field Offices

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: *Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2000*

Program Area: Wildland Fire and Aviation Management

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) transmits and documents *Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2000*, BLM Handbook 9213-1. **This handbook sets the standards that will be policy during the 2000 fire season.**

Policy/Action: These standards have been developed to provide a reference to updated policies and guidelines necessary to enhance the safety and effectiveness of the Bureau's fire and aviation management operations. While this document is Bureau specific, it does incorporate interagency standards. This handbook supplements the Bureau Manual 9200 sections and the Departmental Manual (910 DM).

Time frame: This IM is effective upon receipt.

Budget Impact: These standards reflect a commitment to safe and efficient fire management operations that cannot be addressed as a direct budget element. The standards as implemented should have a positive impact on the budget by helping ensure that policy and guidance are clear and consistent. A safe and cost effective fire and aviation program will be the end product.

Background: The *Bureau of Land Management Fire and Aviation Programwide Management Review, Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review*, and the *Interagency*

Management Review all describe the need for clear policy and guidance. These standards were developed to provide clear policy and guidance for the Fire and Aviation Program.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: This handbook supplements the BLM Manual 9213, *Fire Presuppression*. BLM Manual 9213 will be revised to reflect this handbook as a reference.

Coordination: WO, State Offices, and outside agencies were contacted for input. This document was coordinated with all State Fire Management Officers and cooperating fire management agencies.

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1 - Attachment

1 - *Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2000* (280 pp.)