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To: State Directors, Director - NARSC  
From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation  
Subject: Use of Fire Station Standard Design

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a policy regarding the use of a standard Wildland Fire Station design.

The Bureau's Fire and Aviation Program, in cooperation with the National Applied Resources Sciences Center (NARSC) has created a standard Fire Station design package. The Bureau initiated this project to improve the quality of facilities and to reduce design, construction and maintenance costs. An architectural design team consisting of a structural engineer, electrical engineer, civil engineer, mechanical engineer, interior designer, architect, and fire personnel developed a full design package for BLM's use in constructing all future wildland fire stations.

In developing this design, the team visited numerous existing sites, both BLM's and other agencies. They used responses from questionnaires sent to individuals residing at fire stations, and peer reviews of the draft plans were obtained. Two prototypes of the standard design have been constructed, and a contract has been awarded for a station to be constructed in Idaho (Soda Springs) that uses the complete final standard design package. In all cases the bids provided cost effective construction below the current cost of fire stations across the Bureau. The design package was sent out December 15, 1998, under separate cover as part of Information Bulletin No. OF&A 99-018.

Now that this standard design package is available, it is the Bureau's policy that ***all wildland Fire Stations will use this standard design for projects starting in FY 2000 that do not have a complete architectural and engineering package already developed.***

Adjustments for site needs and local requirements, such as seismic and snow loadings, can be accomplished within the standard design package. Paul Hefner, the Bureau's Office of Fire and Aviation lead for fire facility operations, and Gary Stevens, the Bureau's fire program liaison with the BLM's Engineering Advisory Team, will continually monitor and evaluate the standard design and make changes as necessary in concert with NARSC. Proposals for fire station construction not using the standard design will not be accepted unless the justification and additional funding needs are agreed upon by the Director, Office of Fire and Aviation.

If you have questions regarding this policy and its implementation, please contact one of the following people:

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