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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: National Training Committee

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Program Area: Fire Management

Purpose: The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM) is to provide direction on establishing a National BLM Training Committee.

Background: As the result of a conference call between the National Office of Fire and Aviation and the State Fire Management Officers, consensus was reached that a National Training Committee be established to serve a number of useful purposes.

As a consolidated entity, the committee will address current and future training issues, identify training needs for the BLM fire workforce, and provide a forum for State Office and National Office fire training staff that would ultimately better serve District/Field Office needs.

At present, no formal mechanism exists for District/Field Offices to communicate fire training needs to the National Office level. Further benefits would accrue from taking a collective approach to interagency training issues.

Policy/Action: Nominations are being accepted for committee membership from the states. One member from each state's fire management organization should be assigned to the committee. The person selected should have a thorough understanding of the BLM and interagency fire training issues and procedures.

Currently, each state has a training coordinator responsible for fire training, and in most cases this individual would be the most logical choice. Ideally, the candidates should have a background in

various aspects of fire management planning and operations.

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Time frame: This IM is in effect upon issuance.

Budget Impact: The effect of this IM on the budget is minimal.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None

Coordination: This IM is a coordinated effort between the National Office of Fire and Aviation and State Fire Management Officers.

Contact: Questions concerning this request should be directed to Larry Sutton, BLM Training Unit Leader, at the National Interagency Fire Center, (208) 387-5374.

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