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The five Federal agencies with Wildland Fire Management funds ( BLM, BIA, FWS, NPS, USFS) have an Interagency Agreement for Fire Management which provides a basis for cooperation on all aspects of wildland fire activities. This 1997 agreement has been amended. The amendment, among other items, expands the existing direction to not bill for services rendered for emergency fire suppression to also include severity activities. This Instruction Memorandum provides direction on how to implement this agreement item.

The Bureau will fund code interagency fire severity activities to a unique fire project number. That project number will identify the severity work in the Bureau's Fire Reporting System as an "interagency assistance fire." Each Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) where the Bureau has routine operations is being provided that unique fire project number. It will apply Bureauwide for all resource orders for severity activities occurring in that area. For example; if BLM fire resources are provided from Montana and Oregon to fill a fire severity resource order initiated by the Forest Service in New Mexico, each sending office will code to the assigned fire project (severity) number given by the Southwest Area Coordination Center. If another severity request comes from the BIA in the southwest that same Southwest Area Coordination Center number will be used.

As with all fire operations activities (suppression, rehabilitation and fuels), a project number is required regardless of the subactivity code being used. The standard fund coding guidelines used for suppression, rehabilitation and fuels activities apply. Also note that the standard severity coding procedure of converting from the severity number to a fire number applies when dispatched to a specific fire. The BLM's Office of Fire & Aviation, will enter the Severity Assistance Fire(s) into the BLM's Fire Reporting System at the time the field is notified what the new number will be for each Coordination Center. All fire numbers have been assigned under program **2821-00**.

Northwest Coordination Center	Z300
Northern California Coordination Center	Z302
Southern California Coordination Center	Z304
Western Great Basin Coordination Center	Z306
Eastern Great Basin Coordination Center	Z308
Southwest Coordination Center	Z310
Northern Rockies Coordination Center	Z312
Rocky Mountain Coordination Center	Z314
Alaska Coordination Center	Z316

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