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To: State and Center Directors
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation
Subject: Interagency and State Level Fire Severity Activities

Program Area: Fire Management.

Purpose: To identify the Financial Business Management System (FBMS) cost coding numbers for state “short term” severity needs and to explain how the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will code interagency severity activities. In FBMS, project numbers will be referred to as Work Breakdown Structures (WBS), subactivities will be called functional areas, and organizational codes will be replaced with cost codes.

Policy/Action: Each state director has been delegated the authority to expend up to \$300,000 for state “short term” severity needs per fiscal year (FY). State directors should establish a process to document requests and approvals, and maintain information in a state office severity file. Severity project numbers that were established in FY 2008 will carryover and be used in FY 2009. The following are the FBMS cost codes for FY 2009 state approved severity:

State Office	FBMS Cost Code		
	Cost Code	Functional Area	WBS
Alaska	LLAK910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YE0000
Arizona	LLAZ910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YF0000
California	LLCA910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YG0000
Colorado	LLCO910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YH0000
Eastern States	LLES910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D00J0000
Idaho	LLID910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YJ0000
Montana	LLMT910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YK0000
Nevada	LLNV910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YL0000

New Mexico	LLNM910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YM0000
Oregon	LLOR910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YN0000
Utah	LLUT910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YP0000
Wyoming	LLWY910000	LF20000ST.HT0000	L.F.SR.D0YQ0000

Severity Coding

State directors' severity projects will use the appropriate state cost center, functional area LF20000ST.HT0000, and WBS. All other fire severity WBS numbers have been assigned under functional area LF20000SR.HT0000.

Interagency Fire Severity Activities

The five federal agencies using wildland fire management funds are the BLM, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the National Park Service (NPS), and the U.S. Forest Service (FS). These agencies have a fire management agreement that provides a basis for cooperation on all aspects of wildland fire activities. Under this agreement, the agencies do NOT bill for services rendered for emergency suppression, including severity activities.

Assisting Other Department of the Interior (DOI) Agencies

Fire and Aviation will use FireCode to assign WBS project numbers for BLM severity activities. Other DOI agencies will also use FireCode to assign project numbers for their severity activities. When the BLM assists other DOI agencies, they are to use the FireCode severity number provided by the requesting DOI agency. For example, if the BLM fire resources are provided to fill a fire severity resource order initiated by the BIA, each sending office will code to the assigned FireCode (severity) number given by the BIA.

Assisting the Forest Service

The FS is not using FireCode to assign project numbers for severity activities. Fire and Aviation will assign one number for all severity assistance provided to the FS by the BLM. The functional area and WBS number for assisting the FS in FY 2009 is LF20000SR.HT0000 L.F.SR.D0YY0000. An example of the FBMS cost coding for the state of Utah would be: LLUT910000 LF20000SR.HT0000 L.F.SR.D0YY0000.

Timeframe: Effective immediately.

Budget Impact: Minimal.

Background: The FireCode System is an on-line, web-based application. All four-digit numeric and four-character alpha codes have been reserved for internal BLM use. Fire and Aviation began using FireCode project numbers for all severity activities effective October 1, 2006.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations.

Coordination: This information was coordinated between the Division of Budget and Evaluation and all state fire management officers.

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