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Changes to the 2019 Standards for Fire Business Management

Chapter 1:

- Added Overtime coding guidance table. (page 1-13)
- Clarified that HC 130 Night Differential is for GS employees only. (page 1-17, line 2)

Chapter 2:

- Added language to AD hiring guidance to clarify that the prohibition to use the AD authority to extend a regular Seasonal employment is both prior to and post appointment dates. (page 2-1, line 8)

Chapter 3:

- Added section explaining that there is no per diem reduction on 30 day or longer incident assignments and why. (page 3-1, line 30)
- Excess Lodging update. (page 3-6, line 5 -25)
- Deleted rental car programs table. (page 3-7)
- Added NERV program explanation and guidance. (page 3-7, line 17-38)

Chapter 5:

- Updated Split Purchase language. (page 5-2, line 19-27)
- Cleaned up Crew Shirt purchase section and directed employees to read new bureau wide uniform guidance. (page 5-2, line 28-33)
- Added section on CISM Professional Services. (page 5-3, Line 37)
- Added a “cheat sheet” to help understand the multiple cards now available and how they can be used. (page 5-5)
- Revised and updated purchase card documentation table. (page 5-6)

Chapter 6:

- Reworked the Emergency Purchase Order (PO) section and took out specific FPDS-NG reporting instructions and refer employees to state specific guidance. (page 6-7, line 14-26)
- Updated PO numbering scheme to reflect bureau guidance. (page 6-7, line 27-32)
- Took out references to micro purchase limits for PO and Checks. (page 6-7)

Chapter 7:

- Took out domicile language and referenced Red Book Chapter 2 to avoid outdated or conflicting direction. (page 7-11, line 27-29)

Chapter 12:

- Added language to code to your own office when paying your local state for a fire in another state. This helps with locating documentation. (page 12-6, line 2-4)

Throughout the document contact references have been updated to reflect employee turnover.

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Subject: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Standards for Fire Business Management

Program Area: Fire and Aviation Management

Purpose: This instruction memorandum issues the 2019 *BLM Standards for Fire Business Management*.

The BLM Standards for Fire Business (Orange Book) has been updated for 2019. The Orange Book provides a consolidated location to find BLM specific fire business policy, regulations and best practices.

Attached is a digest of changes for 2019.

Policy/Action: The *BLM Standards for Fire Business Management* states, references, or supplements policy for BLM wildland fire business management.

The *BLM Standards for Fire Business Management* is available at:
http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/OrangeBk.html

Timeframe: Effective immediately.

Budget Impact: None

Background: In 2012, the BLM Fire and Aviation Fire Leadership Team tasked the BLM Fire Business Management Group with development of the *BLM Standards for Fire Business Management*.

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

Coordination: This instruction memorandum has been coordinated with the BLM Fire Leadership Team and the BLM Fire Operations Group.

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Digest of Changes for 2019

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INTRODUCTION
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) STANDARDS FOR FIRE
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

DOCUMENT PURPOSE

The BLM Standards for Fire Business Management provides fire business guidelines, policy, and procedures consolidated into one document for fire personnel to find answers to their questions. This will reduce the number of instruction memoranda (IMs)/information bulletins (IBs) that are created every year to reissue policies and procedures year after year.

DOCUMENT SCOPE

The BLM Standards for Fire Business Management states, references, or supplements policy for BLM fire business management. Original source policy is stated or referenced throughout this document. This document attempts to quote verbatim, rather than to paraphrase, policy that is stated elsewhere and limits duplication of source policy when a reference will suffice.

Best practices and examples are highlighted in medium grey throughout the document.

REVIEW, UPDATES, REQUEST FOR CHANGE

The BLM Standards for Fire Business Management is updated annually. Proposed changes and updates to this document will be managed through the BLM Fire Business Management Group (FBMG).

A list of current FBMG members can be found at

http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/FBMG_Group.html.

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CHAPTER 1 PERSONNEL

REFERENCES

- The DOI Payroll Manual (<http://go.usa.gov/cAgqY>)
- The BLM Payroll Manual (<http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-500/directives/dir-manu/1400-550.pdf>)
- The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) (<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/cfr/>)
- Funding of Base Salaries for Personnel Assignment to Wildfire Incidents (OWF 2019-006)

GENERAL GUIDELINES

State/field offices are responsible for establishing procedures to ensure:

- Adequate documentation of time worked in support of emergency incidents, including initial attack.
- Supervisor review/verification of employee time records for adherence to and documentation of the established work/rest policy.
- Proper application of overtime and special pay regulations (e.g., night differential, hazard, exempt employee working in a non-exempt position).
- Employees on off-unit incident assignments are responsible to submit the original Emergency Firefighter Time Report, OF-288, to their home unit through their supervisor for processing of T&A and related payroll deductions. The supervisor approves travel time not posted at the incident. Overtime associated with firefighting or ESF#4 activities must be supported by some type of overtime authorization (e.g., CTR, OF-288, or other Overtime Authorization Form) signed by the supervisor.
- The home unit timekeeper, or employee if they are posting time into QuickTime, codes incident time per the Federal Personnel/Payroll System (FPPS) T&A Pay Codes Manual, National Business Center Client Interface Manual, the Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management (SIIBM), and this guidance.
- When an employee works on a wildland fire or all hazard incident, they must have either a signed OF-288 or similar locally approved document filed with their timekeeper to document the time charged to the incident. The original time documentation is retained in T&A files, per records management requirements.
- When an assignment occurs at the end of a pay period requiring an interim OF-288 to be sent into an employee's home unit time keeper, an employee and incident timekeeper signature is not required. The final timesheet from the incident will have signatures and be kept in the employee file.
- Time is recorded on an OF-288 using military time. Each workday involves a 24- hour period, and each day starts and stops at midnight. Every day (Sunday through Saturday) is considered a workday during an incident until the incident is over or the employee is officially released from the incident.
- Time may be recorded in 15-minute, 30-minute, 45-minute, and one-hour increments.

- 1 • The OF-288s, Emergency Firefighter Time Reports, will have fire related activities
2 identified as follows:
 - 3 ○ Regular time – by military hours – no initial shown.
 - 4 ○ Travel time – by military hours – initial “T”
 - 5 ○ Hazardous Duty time – by military hours – initial “H”
 - 6 ○ Environmental Duty time – by military hours – initial “E”
- 7 • Per 5 CFR 550.804, an agency may authorize pay, allowances and differentials for up to
8 6 years prior to the date of the administrative determinations that an employee is entitled
9 to back pay.
- 10 • *Fire time recorded on CTR should also use the same initials to identify work activities.*

11 Timekeepers who are recording duty hours from the OF-288 onto the T&A may not make any
12 changes to “clock” time; however, corrections may be made to any addition or subtraction errors
13 on the “time” totals.

14 Employees should charge to their own 10-character cost center when coding to suppression,
15 unless otherwise specifically directed.

17 CODING BASE-8 HOURS

18 The BLM follows the base-8 funding policies presented below.

19 **Employees Funded by Fire Preparedness Program (LF1000000.HT0000)**

20 Preparedness employees continue to charge their regular base-8 hours to the fire preparedness
21 program and work breakdown structure (WBS) when they are assigned to a wildfire suppression
22 incident, including initial attack (LF1000000.HU0000 LF.SP.XXXX0000). Overtime and
23 premium pay is charged to fire suppression functional area and (WBS) (LF2000000.HU0000
24 LF.SP.XXXX0000).

25 Note: In the examples, XXXX=Fire Code.

26 **Employees Funded by Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Emergency Stabilization, Burned Area** 27 **Rehabilitation and Non-Fire Programs**

28 All non-preparedness employees’ charge their regular base-8 hours and any overtime or premium
29 pay to the fire suppression program (LF2000000.HU0000. LF.SP.XXXX0000) when they are
30 assigned to a wildfire suppression incident.

31 Questions should be addressed to the state incident business lead or national incident business
32 lead when the state lead is not available. A list of BLM state incident business leads can be found
33 at http://web.blm.gov/internal/FBMG_contacts.

GUIDANCE ON EARNING, USING AND PAYING OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME

The following provides guidance on issues related to earning, using, and paying overtime and compensatory time for BLM employees, both those who are covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (status designation non-exempt), as well as those that are not covered (status designation exempt).

In locations where there are applicable collective bargaining agreement provisions that conflict with this guidance, the collective bargaining agreement takes precedence.

RESPONSIBILITIES

BLM supervisors and managers are responsible for:

- Establishing the hours of duty and work schedules for their employees and being cognizant of the hours being worked by all their employees and whether they are covered (non-exempt) under FLSA. The employee's FLSA designation is very important, as the actual work performed by the employee determines whether they are entitled to overtime compensation and/or compensatory time.
- Taking positive steps to ensure employees are not performing work outside their regular tour of duty unless the immediate supervisor or higher level management have ordered/authorized the work to be done at that particular time. Information on the employee's Position Description Cover Sheet (OF-8) should identify the position's FLSA designation, or the servicing human resources office can provide this information.
- Scheduling work to ensure that the mission and functions of the organization are carried out efficiently and effectively.
- Authorizing and approving overtime or compensatory time in advance before the work is performed. The overtime or compensatory time may be authorized either in writing (preferred) or verbally.
- Distributing overtime equally among employees (collective bargaining agreements should be consulted to determine if this subject is addressed).
- Overtime may be directed as necessary. Failure to work directed overtime may result in disciplinary action. An employee is required to work overtime when ordered, unless the manager determines that the health or efficiency of the employee may be impaired or circumstances make it impossible for the employee to work overtime.

TYPES OF OVERTIME

Callback Overtime

Paid when an employee is required to return to the place of employment or travels directly to a temporary duty location that is outside their regularly scheduled tour of duty, outside their scheduled time off for a holiday, or on a scheduled non-workday. Any callback overtime is unscheduled work and considered to be "irregular and occasional". Overtime work continuous with the exempt employee's scheduled hours of work is not callback overtime. In other words, overtime is paid for the actual time when an employee is called in to begin working earlier than the employee's start time or is asked to continue working at the end of the employee's scheduled

1 workday. The employee's manager must explicitly order and approve any overtime work that
2 will occur at a non-work site.

3 **Irregular or Occasional Overtime**

4 Work scheduled after the start of the administrative work week for which the supervisor did not
5 know before the start of the administrative work week it would be required.

6 Example: an exempt employee's regular work schedule is the traditional Monday through
7 Friday, eight hours a day. On Monday morning, the supervisor is notified of an emergency
8 assignment and informs the exempt employee that overtime must be worked on Wednesday of
9 the same week to meet the deadline. This meets the criteria for irregular or occasional overtime,
10 as it was scheduled after the start of the administrative work week and the supervisor did not
11 know it would be required.

12 Another Example: a non-exempt engine crew is working their regularly scheduled shift, 9:00 –
13 18:00 and is called to an incident at 17:00. They begin working their irregular overtime at 18:00.
14 Pre-approval to work the overtime is not required in emergency situations. However, the
15 employees are responsible to notify their supervisor and ensure time documents are completed.

16 **Regularly Scheduled Overtime**

17 Work scheduled before the start of the administrative work week. Overtime is also regularly
18 scheduled if the supervisor or manager knew or should have known in advance of the
19 administrative work week the overtime work would be required.

20 **Compensated Telephone Availability**

21 When an exempt or non-exempt employee is required to remain available by telephone or by
22 other electronic device during certain off-duty hours and does not have to stay at home, but must
23 leave a telephone number so they may be called to perform emergency work and respond in a
24 reasonable length of time, s/he is not paid for the time spent in a telephone status. The employee
25 will be paid for actual time worked when the employee receives a call while on scheduled
26 telephone availability and provides guidance without having to report to the work location. The
27 employee only receives callback overtime when required to report to the work location to
28 perform work.

29 **Standby Status**

30 An employee who is required to perform standby duty by remaining at or within the confines of
31 a designated duty location for longer than ordinary periods of time for work-related reasons, not
32 performing actual work but remaining ready to perform actual work when the need arises, is
33 considered to be on duty. Time spent on standby duty is considered hours of work when an
34 employee is restricted to a designated post of duty AND must be in a state of readiness to
35 perform work AND activities are so limited an employee cannot use the time for personal
36 reasons.

37 **Suffered or Permitted Overtime**

38 A non-exempt employee is entitled to compensation for overtime work that is "suffered or
39 permitted" by management. "Suffered or permitted" overtime work occurs when a non-exempt
40 employee works outside of their approved traditional or Compressed Work Schedule (CWS)

1 hours: (a) without the request or approval of a supervisor, AND (b) the work benefits BLM;
2 AND (c) the supervisor knew the work was performed, or had reason to believe the work was
3 performed; AND (d) the supervisor could have prevented the work from being performed. Any
4 “suffered or permitted” overtime is considered irregular and occasional.

5 **Overtime Pay for FLSA Exempt Employees Engaged in All Emergency “Wildland Fire**
6 **Suppression” Activities**

7 Under Public Law 106-558, dated 12/21/2000, employees whose regular and recurring work is
8 determined to be FLSA exempt are to be paid at a rate equal to one and one half (1.5) times their
9 hourly rate of basic pay when they are engaged in emergency wildland fire suppression activities
10 (including standby, preposition and severity). Wildland fire suppression activities, for this
11 purpose, do not include prescribed fire, other fuels management activities, implementation of fire
12 rehabilitation plans, training in support of casualties, fire plan monitoring or any non-wildland fire
13 incident activities (DOI Memo dated October 3, 2001).

14 The FLSA exempt employees performing emergency wildland fire suppression work are to code
15 their overtime hours to Hours Code 113 - Fire Fighter Overtime Regular Unscheduled (DOI
16 Memo dated October 3, 2001). This allows payment of overtime under the rules established
17 under Public Law 106-558. For coding guidance see page 1-13.

18 Public Law 106-558 does not affect the maximum earnings limitation rule that limits employee
19 basic and premium pay to the greater of GS-15 Step 10 (Locality Rate) or Level V of the
20 Executive Schedule.

21 **Overtime Pay for FLSA Exempt Employees Engaged in “Non-Wildland Fire” Emergency**
22 **Work:**

23 Emergency work for purposes of determining entitlement to non-wildland fire emergency work
24 overtime, is work in response to a temporary condition that poses a direct threat to human life or
25 safety, serious damage to property, or serious disruption to the operations of an activity, as
26 determined by the employing agency (5 CFR 551.104). Example: include but are not limited to
27 hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes and search and rescue operations. During the period of
28 the agency-determined emergency, if the exempt employee’s primary duty (over 50% of
29 employee’s work) is determined to be non-exempt for a work week, the employee becomes non-
30 exempt for that work week and is entitled to FLSA overtime pay for all overtime hours during
31 that work week (5 CFR 551.211).

32 The FLSA exempt employees performing agency-determined non-wildland fire emergency work
33 are authorized to be changed as non-exempt in the automated timekeeping system for the work
34 week in which they perform over 50% non-exempt emergency work and are to code the
35 respective overtime hours for that work week to Hours Code 110 - Regular Overtime.

36 **Overtime for a FLSA Exempt Employee**

37 Work time that is officially ordered and approved in excess of 40 hours in an administrative
38 work week, 80 hours in a pay period, or hours in excess of a full-time employee’s scheduled tour
39 of duty. Paid leave is considered hours of work when determining overtime entitlement.
40 Overtime for FLSA exempt employees on a traditional work schedule is hours of work that are
41 officially ordered and approved and in excess of the basic work requirement. This applies to both

1 full- and part-time FLSA exempt employees on traditional schedules, as well as all FLSA
2 exempt intermittent employees.

3 *Overtime for FLSA Non-exempt Employee*

4 Work time that is officially ordered and approved or “suffered or permitted” (where applicable)
5 hours of work in excess of the basic work requirement for a full-time employee’s scheduled tour
6 of duty. Paid leave is considered hours of work when determining overtime entitlement.

7 Overtime for FLSA non-exempt employees on a traditional work schedule is hours of work that
8 is officially ordered and approved or “suffered or permitted,” and in excess of eight hours in a
9 day or 40 hours in an administrative work week. This applies to both full and part-time FLSA
10 non-exempt employees on traditional schedules as well as all FLSA non-exempt intermittent
11 employees.

12 Overtime for FLSA non-exempt employees on CWS is hours of work that is officially ordered
13 and approved or “suffered or permitted.” Overtime for part-time employees on CWS is hours of
14 work that is officially ordered, approved or “suffered or permitted” and is in excess of the
15 number of hours for the basic work requirement for a full-time employee on that type of work
16 schedule.

17 Overtime for FLSA non-exempt employees on Flexible Work Schedule is hours of work that is
18 officially ordered and approved and is in excess of the number of hours required for the basic
19 work requirement (not including credit hours, when applicable). Hours of work that are officially
20 ordered in advance (in writing) that are in excess of the basic work requirement are “overtime
21 hours” and will be compensated as such (or as compensatory time if the employee so elects).
22 Overtime for part-time employees on a flexible work schedule is hours of work that is officially
23 ordered and approved in excess of the number of hours required for the basic work requirement
24 of a full-time employee on that type of schedule. Credit hours worked are not overtime hours and
25 cannot be compensated at the overtime rate or converted to compensatory time.

26 *Other Premium Pay While Working Overtime*

27 <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/pay-administration/#url=Fact-Sheets>

28 *Night Differential*

29 An employee whose work is regularly scheduled between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. is paid night
30 differential (10% of rate of basic pay) for base and overtime hours actually worked. Night
31 differential is not paid for irregular or occasional overtime.

32 *Holiday Premium Pay*

33 Holiday premium pay (100% of rate of basic pay) is paid only for hours included in the
34 employee’s basic work week. Overtime worked on a holiday is not applicable to holiday
35 premium pay and paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

36 *Sunday Premium Pay*

37 Sunday premium (25% of rate of basic pay) is paid only for hours included in the employee’s
38 basic work week. Overtime worked on a Sunday is not applicable to Sunday premium pay and
39 paid at the appropriate overtime rate.

Overtime Computation

Overtime is paid in 15-minute increments.

For each employee whose rate of basic pay does not exceed the minimum rate for GS-10, step 1 (including any applicable special rate for pay for law enforcement officers or special pay adjustments for law enforcement officers under section 403 or 404 of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990, respectively; a locality based comparability payment under 5 U.S.C. 5304; and any applicable special rate of pay under 5 U.S.C. 5305 or similar provision of law), the overtime hourly rate is 1.5 times his or her hourly rate of pay.

For each employee whose rate of basic pay exceeds the minimum rate for GS-10, the overtime hourly rate is equal to the greater of (a) 1.5 times the applicable minimum hourly rate of basic pay for GS-10, step 1; or (b) the employee's hourly rate of basic pay.

Overtime While In Training

The BLM restricts the payment of overtime (and other premium pay) to an employee while attending training. This restriction includes any work an instructor may order an employee to perform outside of the classroom and outside of the hours of training.

Generally, the law prohibits paying overtime hours to employees who are attending training, except under certain circumstances (cited in 5 CFR 410.402 (b), <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/5/410.402>, and 551.423 (a) (2), <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/5/551.423>).

Overtime While In Official Travel Status

The DOI's Personnel Bulletin Number 08-01 dated February 11, 2008, established a policy for employees to earn, on an hour-for-hour basis, either overtime compensation or time off for time in a travel status away from the employee's official duty station when the travel time is not otherwise compensable. It is DOI's policy, that travel on behalf of the DOI must be accomplished during normal business hours. Deviations from standard itineraries should be noted and approved by managers in advance of the travel. The employee is required to document travel times during periods when they are not otherwise compensated.

It is the BLM's policy to compensate non-exempt employees' overtime pay for the time they spend in a travel status outside their normally scheduled hours when the activities are for the benefit of and under the control or direction of the agency.

A non-exempt employee is entitled to receive overtime pay for travel if the travel directly relates to a specific job assignment and extends his/her normal tour of duty.

Example: A non-exempt employee's normal work day is 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and s/he must attend a meeting 30 miles from the office from 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The employee is entitled to receive overtime pay for the time spent in the meeting from 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and additionally for the travel time back to the office.

A non-exempt employee is entitled to receive overtime pay for officially ordered travel during non-duty hours if they: must work during travel (e.g., driving a government vehicle as part of a work assignment); travel as a passenger on an assignment away from the official duty station; or

1 travel as a passenger on an overnight assignment on a day(s) that is not a regularly scheduled
2 workday that corresponds to their regular working hours.

3 **COMPENSATORY TIME OFF EARNED DURING OFFICIAL TRAVEL (5 CFR 550.1404)**

4 BLM offices must track and manage granted and earned compensatory time off for travel time
5 separately from other forms of compensatory time. All employees must use accrued
6 compensatory time off for travel earned while travelling by the end of the 26th pay period after
7 the pay period during which it was earned, or it will be forfeited, except in the following cases:

8 In rare cases, the BLM Director may grant an exception based on exigency of government
9 business. If an employee fails to use his or her compensatory time off for travel earned under
10 550.1403(a) by the end of the 26th pay period after the pay period it was earned, the BLM
11 Director, at his or her sole and exclusive discretion, may extend the time limit for using such
12 compensatory time off for travel up to an additional 26 pay periods.

13 If an employee has been called to active duty or placed on the long-term rolls for an on-the-job
14 injury and later returns to service with the DOI, the compensatory time off for travel will be re-
15 credited and the employee will be obligated to use all the compensatory time by the end of the
16 26th pay period following the pay period in which the employee returns to duty, or such
17 compensatory time off for travel will be forfeited.

18 **COMPENSATORY TIME**

19 (<http://www.opm.gov/oca/pay/html/comp.htm>)

20 ***General***

21 Compensatory time is a substitute for monetary overtime. A manager cannot grant compensatory
22 time for work that does not qualify as overtime work.

23 Compensatory time is granted for an equal amount of overtime work performed. Managers and
24 supervisors have the discretion to order and approve compensatory time for exempt employees in
25 increments appropriate to business requirements.

26 Compensatory time, instead of overtime for non-exempt employees, may be granted at the
27 employee's request. The authorization for compensatory time in lieu of overtime is subject to the
28 following limitations: any employee has the option to elect compensatory time instead of
29 payment for irregular or occasional overtime; and an employee on a FWS has the option to elect
30 compensatory time in lieu of paid overtime for regularly scheduled overtime. For situations in
31 which an employee has the option to elect compensatory time in lieu of paid overtime, the
32 election is solely at the employee's discretion. Managers and supervisors should avoid the
33 appearance of coercing employees into requesting compensatory time. Approval to elect
34 compensatory time in lieu of paid overtime must be done in advance of working the overtime.
35 Those employees who choose compensatory time in lieu of emergency fire overtime must
36 negotiate with their supervisor prior to taking an assignment and document the request the
37 approval in writing and filed with the timekeeper.

1 **Note: For Exempt employees compensatory time is considered premium pay and is**
2 **included in the annual pay cap calculations.**

3 Management may require that compensatory time be provided instead of payment for an equal
4 amount of irregular and occasional overtime work for an exempt employee whose rate of basic
5 pay is greater than a GS-10, step 1. The decision to pay compensatory time is management's
6 discretion.

7 Compensatory time, instead of overtime, may also be granted at the request of an exempt
8 employee, subject to the following limitation: any employee has the option to elect compensatory
9 time instead of payment for irregular or occasional overtime; and an employee on a flexible work
10 schedule has the option to elect compensatory time in lieu of paid overtime for regularly
11 scheduled overtime. An employee on a traditional schedule or CWS cannot be authorized
12 compensatory time in lieu of regularly scheduled overtime pay, even if requested by the
13 employee.

14 General rules on the use of compensatory time off:

- 15 • Employees and managers have a shared responsibility for ensuring use of compensatory
16 time as soon as practicable. Compensatory time off earned must be used by the end of the
17 26th pay period after the pay period during which it was earned. If a non-exempt
18 employee does not take the earned compensatory time off within 26 pay periods, transfers
19 to another agency or separates from Federal service, then s/he will receive payment for
20 the unused compensatory time at the overtime rate in effect when earned. If an exempt
21 employee does not take the earned compensatory time off within 26 pay periods, transfers
22 to another agency (outside the DOI) or separates from Federal service, then s/he will lose
23 the compensatory time.
- 24 • Generally, accrued compensatory time should be used before annual leave is approved,
25 unless the use of accrued compensatory time will result in the forfeiture of use-or-lose
26 annual leave.
- 27 • Compensatory time cannot be used to offset advanced leave.
- 28 • Employees who move to another bureau within the DOI will have their compensatory
29 time balance transferred to the gaining bureau.

30 *Change in FLSA Status*

31 An employee's unused compensatory time is subject to the policy or regulations under which it
32 was earned, regardless of his/her current FLSA designation.

33 Approval

34 Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, State Directors and Center Directors have the authority to
35 identify and approve hours which will be creditable toward the accrual of compensatory time.
36 This authority may be further delegated, at their discretion, to the lowest managerial level
37 practicable that serves the interest of the organization.

CREDIT HOURS

Credit hours are hours of work in excess of the basic work requirement and worked at the employee's option. Credit hours are only available to BLM employees under FWS. Employees may not earn credit hours on a traditional or CWS. Employees must request and receive management approval before working credit hours. Credit hours cannot be granted for overtime worked. Employees receive their regular pay, not overtime pay or compensatory pay, when credit hours are liquidated.

For more information, refer to <https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/work-schedules/fact-sheets/credit-hours-under-a-flexible-work-schedule/>.

HAZARD PAY DOCUMENTATION

In order to provide proper documentation in support of the entitlement to hazard/environmental pay differentials, BLM employees should notate on Crew Time Reports (SF-261) and/or other supporting documentation (including OF-288s or locally approved timesheet) the duty performed that supports the entitlement. While providing documentation that the fire is "uncontrolled" could be considered additional documentation, it alone does not adequately support the entitlement to hazard/environmental pay differential.

Further reference regarding Hazard Pay qualifications can be found at:

GS Employee References:

- SIIBM Chapter 10
- 5 CFR 550.901 through 550.907 and Appendix A (www.ecfr.gov)
- 5 CFR 532.511 and 513

Prevailing Rate Employee (WG, WS & WL) References:

- SIIBM Chapter 10
- 5 CFR 532.511 and Appendix A (www.ecfr.gov)

A document that provides describing proper documentation of hazard pay for crew time sheets and fire time sheets can be found at

https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/OrangeBk.html.

PAY CODES IN QUICKTIME

Following are hours codes related to wildland fire and non-fire emergency incidents. For specific definitions on pay codes refer to definitions earlier in this chapter.

BASE TIME**HC 010, Regular Time**

This is used to record the regularly scheduled tour of duty hours an employee worked during the basic work week.

- Maximum Hours Per Day - Do not record more than 8 hours of regularly scheduled duty hours per day, unless the employee is working an approved alternate work schedule. Then enter 9 or 10 hours, as applicable.
- Meal Period - Compensable meal period is the exception, not the rule. A meal period is only compensable when work is actually being performed and documented on a crew time report.
- Ordered Standby - Ordered standby is limited to those times when employees are held by direction or orders at a specific location, fully outfitted and ready for assignment. The hours may be paid as base or overtime. Employees are not entitled to standby for time spent eating when actual work is not being performed, nor when free to rest, eat, or pursue activities of personal nature (i.e., mobilization/demobilization center).

HC 020, Annual Leave Used

This is used to record hours of annual leave used that are to be charged against the employee's accrued annual leave balance.

HC 030, Sick Leave Used

This is used to record hours of sick leave used that are to be charged against the employee's accrued sick leave balance.

An employee who has been determined to be too sick to perform work is entitled to guaranteed regular hours on the first day of the illness. On the second day the employee is placed on sick leave if the day is within the employee's basic work week at the home unit. If the second day of illness occurs on the employee's regular non-scheduled workday day, no pay is given for that day.

HC 040, Compensatory Time – Earned

Compensatory time earned is time off with pay in lieu of overtime pay. Authorized compensatory time is earned in 15 minute increments.

HC 041, Compensatory Time – Used

This is used to record compensatory hours used. Compensatory time off may be taken in minimum periods of 15 minutes or multiples thereof.

HC 046, Compensatory Time Off for Travel – Earned

This is used to record the hours of compensatory time off for time spent by an employee in travel status away from the employee's official duty station when such time is not otherwise compensable. Authorized compensatory time is earned in 15 minute increments.

HC 047, Compensatory Time Off for Travel – Used

Authorized compensatory time off for travel is used in 15 minute increments.

HC 050, Holiday Not Worked

This is to record hours paid to the employee for all federally declared holidays. The employee will claim hours based on their normal work schedule.

HC 051, Holiday Worked

This code is to record hours worked for all federally declared holidays.

HC 59A, Commissary Charges

This code is used to post commissary charges for personal items charged at an incident. Commissary charges are documented in Section 13 of the OF-288. Payroll deductions for commissary items are processed using Form 1340-15, Timekeepers/Quarters, Meals, Commissary Adjustment Notice. It is the responsibility of the employee to ensure the Form 1340-15 is completed and the original forwarded to the DOI National Business Center (DOI-NBC), D-2663. A copy should be retained in the employee's T&A file.

HC 061, Weather and Safety Leave

This is used to record hours of paid absence authorized for Weather and Safety purposes which is not charged to annual leave, sick leave, or compensatory time. Use HC 061 to code days off occurring on a regular workday at the home unit following a 14 day assignment and/or management directed days off. Employees are not compensated for a day off occurring at the home unit or on the incident that falls on a scheduled day off or on a holiday.

OVERTIME**HC 110, Overtime Regular**

This is used to record overtime hours performed outside the basic 40-hour work week. Use HC 110 to record wildland fire suppression activities for all non-exempt employees.

HC 110 is also used for recording overtime hours for an exempt employee working in support of non-fire emergencies (e.g., hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, etc.), and their primary duties are non-exempt for over 50% of the employee's work. Reference the SIIBM (chapter 10).

HC 111, Callback Overtime

This overtime is paid at the same rate as the rate of regular overtime for the employee.

HC 113, Overtime Exempt Employees

Premium pay for work in connection with emergency suppression activities. The HC 113 is used to record overtime hours performed outside the basic 40 hour work week for those exempt employees assigned to emergency wildland fire suppression activities to include Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) wildland fires and severity assignment.

This also applies to employees involved in the preparation and approval of emergency stabilization plans. The overtime provisions apply only during the initial emergency assessment period, until the emergency stabilization plan is submitted for approval or 21 days after fire containment (whichever is less).

1 This overtime pay provision does not apply to personnel involved in prescribed fire, other fuels
 2 management activities, implementation of fire rehabilitation plans, training in support of casual
 3 hires, or to overtime incurred in conjunction with any non-fire incident (e.g., hurricanes,
 4 earthquakes, floods, or other non-fire presidential declarations).

5 FIRE SUPPRESSION INCIDENT

Home Unit Position	Position on Incident	Overtime Code	Overtime Pay Rules	QuickTime Remarks
Exempt	Exempt	113*	Title V	N/A
Exempt	Non-Exempt**	110*	FLSA	***“Exempt as Non-Exempt” – select appropriate week(s) AND “Emergency Response Activities” (lifts bi-weekly pay cap)
Non-Exempt	Exempt	110	FLSA	“Emergency Response Activities” (lifts bi-weekly pay cap)
Non-Exempt	Non-Exempt	110	FLSA	“Emergency Response Activities” (lifts bi-weekly pay cap)

6 *Public Law 106-558 provides for exempt employees of the FS and DOI, who have their
 7 overtime hourly rate capped at GS-10, Step 1, or their base rate of pay whichever is greater to be
 8 paid at an overtime rate equal to one and one-half times their hourly rate of base pay **when**
 9 **engaged in emergency wildland fire suppression activities.** Use of QuickTime code 113
 10 allows exempt employees to receive the proper overtime rate for performing exempt duties while
 11 on a fire incident. The bi-weekly pay cap is automatically lifted with the use of code 113.

12 **Non-Exempt duties must be performed at least 50% of each work week. A list of exempt and
 13 non-exempt can be found in the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business
 14 Management Chapter 10 exhibit 12.

16 OTHER INCIDENTS (i.e., Hurricane, Tornado, Flood)

Home Unit Position	Position on Incident	Overtime Code	Overtime Pay Rules	QuickTime Remarks***
Exempt	Exempt	110	Title V	N/A

Exempt	Non-Exempt*	110	FLSA	***“Exempt as Non-Exempt” – select appropriate week(s)
Non-Exempt	Exempt	110	FLSA	N/A
Non-Exempt	Non-Exempt	110	FLSA	N/A

1 ***Non-Exempt duties must be performed at least 50% of each work week. A list of exempt and
 2 non-exempt can be found in the NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business
 3 Management Chapter 10 exhibit 12.

4 ***The bi-weekly pay cap may only be lifted when authorized. Authorization is generally
 5 issued in memo format at the national level. If the cap is lifted, check the “Emergency Response
 6 Activities” block under “Special Pay Considerations” in the Remarks section of QuickTime.

REGULAR OVERTIME WORK (including prescribed fire)

Home Unit Position	Overtime Code
Exempt	110
Non-Exempt	110

DIFFERENTIALS

HC 090-098, Hazard Pay

13 General Schedule (GS) employees are eligible for hazard pay, computed at the percent applicable
 14 to the work being performed typically 25 percent of the base rate for all hours in pay status,
 15 when performing firefighting on uncontrolled fires, climbing above 50 foot structures, tree
 16 climbing, low level flying, groundwork beneath hovering helicopters, and work in rough and
 17 remote terrain. Timekeepers should consult the DOI Time and Attendance Guide (page 3-1) for
 18 the proper codes. Definition and criteria for entitlement to hazardous pay for a GS employee is
 19 covered in the NWCG Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook (chapter 10) and 5
 20 CFR 550.901 through 907. The justification for hazard pay must be documented and meet a valid
 21 definition for hazard pay. An individual who works on a fire until mid-day then returns to the
 22 office for the remainder of the day should charge all associated hazard pay hours to the fire.

- 23 • GS employees – the OF-288 will show an “H” by the hours. The timekeeper will use
 24 hours code 090 and place a “V” in the Environmental Hazard “EH” section of the
 25 QuickTime screen for all hours in pay status.

26 *Example: 090 V LF2000000 HU0000 LFSP___0000*

1 Note: Do not use a “V” with base hours (010) coding rather than coding “090”, it will charge the
 2 hazard pay to base 8 funding rather than suppression funds.

3 Wage Grade (WG) employees are entitled to environmental differential pay. The rate is
 4 computed at the percent applicable to the work being performed. Refer to DOI Time and
 5 Attendance Guide Chapter 5 Appendix B, Environmental and Hazard General Information.
 6 Criteria for entitlement to environmental differential for WG employees are covered in the
 7 NWCG Interagency Incident Business Management Handbook and 5 CFR 532.511 and 513.
 8 The amount of environmental differential shall be paid for which the working condition or
 9 hazard all, multiplied by the rate of a WG 10 step 2. The environmental differential must be
 10 documented with a reason for hazard and the number of hours working under the hazardous
 11 conditions. WG are paid for actual hours or all hours in pay status for numerous hazards. Refer
 12 to the CFR for direction.

- 13 • WG employees – the OF-288 will show an “E.” The timekeeper will need to place a
 14 “F/H/V/M” (depends on the hazard) in the “EH” section of the QuickTime screen.
 15 Timekeepers will use the appropriate Pay Code(s) per the table below. Note that there
 16 may be times when an employee will receive multiple environmental hazard codes for the
 17 same day.

18 *Example:* 090 H LF2000000 HU0000 LFSP_ _ _ _0000

- 19 Pay Codes 090 Environmental/Hazard Differential
 20 091 Environmental/Hazard Differential Not Worked
 21 092 Environmental/Hazard Differential Overtime Worked
 22 093 Environmental/Hazard Differential Overtime Non Worked
 23 094 Environmental/Hazard Differential Sunday Overtime
 24 095 Environmental/Hazard Differential Sunday Overtime Not Worked
 25 096 Environmental/Hazard Differential Holiday
 26 097 Environmental/Hazard Differential Holiday Not Worked
 27 098 Environmental/Hazard Differential Sunday Premium

28 Note: Do not use a “V” with base hours (010) coding rather than coding “090-098”, it will
 29 charge the hazard pay to base 8 funding rather than suppression funds.

30 **Documentation of Hazard Pay for Crew Time Reports and Fire Time Sheets**

31 **This table below is NOT ALL-Inclusive of hazard pay authorities; reference the CFR’s for additional information**

32

Hazard Description for CTR/Fire Time Sheet	GS ‘V’	WG	Description	%	Enviro
				Paid	Code
Firefighting uncontrolled fire	X		Participating as a member of a firefighting crew on the fire line, fighting forest and range fires <i>before the fire is controlled</i> . This does not include personnel engaged in logistical support, service and non-suppression activities.	25%	V
Firefighting		X	High Degree – fighting forest and range fires on the fireline	25%	V

Flying – Limited Control Flt	X		<p>Individuals, except pilots, who are participating in limited control flights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Limited Control Flight – Flights undertaken <i>under unusual and adverse conditions</i>, e.g., extreme weather, maximum load or overload, limited visibility, extreme turbulence, or low level flights involving fixed or tactical patterns, <i>which threaten or severely limit control of the aircraft</i>. Hazard pay for flying activities is related to the use of the aircraft, not the work of the occupants. Hazard pay is not authorized for situations such as flying passengers from a work center to a location to fix equipment when there are no adverse conditions that threaten or severely limit the aircraft. 	25%	V
Flying-Low Level Flight		X	<p>Low-level flights in small aircraft including helicopters at altitude of 150 meters (500 feet) and under in daylight and 300 meters (1,000 feet) and under at night when the flights are over mountainous terrain, or in fixed-wing aircraft involving maneuvering at the heights and times specified above, or in helicopters maneuvering and hovering over water at altitudes of less than 150 meters (500 feet); Document Actual hours of exposure</p>	100%	M
Hover Hookup	X		<p>Participating in ground operations to attach an external load to a helicopter hovering just overhead. Wage System – document actual hours of exposure</p>	25%	F
Hover Hookup		X	<p>Ground work beneath hovering helicopter. Participating in operations to attach or detach external load to helicopter hovering just overhead. Document Actual hours of exposure</p>	15%	F
Exposure to hazardous weather or terrain.		X	<p>Exposure to dangerous conditions of terrain, temperature and/or wind velocity, while working or traveling when such exposure introduces risk of significant injury or death to employees; such as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on cliffs, narrow ledges, or steep mountainous slopes, with or without mechanical work equipment, where a loss of footing would result in serious injury or death. - Working in areas where there is a danger of rock falls or avalanches. <p>Document Actual hours of exposure</p>	25%	H
Work in Rough and Remote Terrain	X		<p>Working on cliffs, narrow ledges, or near vertical mountainous slopes where a loss of footing would result in serious injury or death, or when working in areas where there is danger of rock falls or avalanches.</p>	25%	H
High Work	X		<p>Working on any structure of at least 15 meters (50 feet) above the base level, ground, deck, floor, roof, etc., under open conditions, if the structure is unstable or if scaffolding guards or other suitable protective facilities are not used, or if performed under adverse conditions such as snow, sleet, ice on walking surfaces, darkness, lightning, steady rain, or high wind velocity.</p>	25%	V
High Work		X	<p>Working on any structure of at least 30 meters (100 feet) above the ground, deck, floor or roof, or from the bottom of a tank or pit. Working at a lesser height if the footing is unsure or the structure is unstable. Document Actual hours of exposure</p>	25%	H
Burned Area Emergency	NA	NA	<p>Does not meet the definition of firefighting for hazard pay eligibility; however, other hazard pay criteria listed above may apply.</p>		
Response (BAER) – Assessment or Implementation					
Prescribed Fire	NA	NA	<p>Does not meet the definition of firefighting for hazard pay eligibility; however, other hazard pay criteria listed above may apply.</p>		

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HC 130, Night Differential (GS employees only)

2 For temporary assignments/changes in hours made during the administrative workweek to a
3 different tour of duty, an employee is entitled to a night differential for a daily tour of duty that
4 includes night work. Advance notification (before the start of the work week) of a change in the
5 administrative tour-of-duty is not necessary when employees are assigned to a temporary tour-of-
6 duty.
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8 In accordance with 5 CFR 550.122, Temporary Assignment to a different tour of duty and 5 CFR
9 610.121 Establishment of work schedules, within the BLM, when an employee is temporarily
10 changed to a different tour of duty in the middle of an administrative workweek, the change will
11 become effective and eligible for night differential the first day following the change to the
12 different tour of duty.

- 13 • An Example would be: An employee's normal work schedule is 6:30am to 3:00pm,
14 Monday to Friday. On Tuesday, this same employee is temporarily changed to a daily
15 schedule of work from 6:00am to 10:00pm every day. The hours from 6:00pm to
16 10:00pm would be eligible for night differential for base hours as well as overtime
17 beginning on Wednesday. However, any hours worked beyond 10:00pm would be
18 considered irregular overtime hours which is not eligible for night differential pay.
19 The employee would only receive overtime pay for the hours worked beyond 10:00pm.
- 20 • Extended shifts on a day-by-day basis would not be eligible for night differential (for
21 neither base nor overtime hours). *This would include extended staffing hours directed
22 later in the day, initial attack assignments, etc.*
- 23 • Normal approved fire timekeeping documents are acceptable for recording night
24 differential (i.e. OF-288, CTR, Field Time Report, etc.). All night differential hours
25 for a calendar day (both base and overtime) should be coded in QuickTime to the
26 "130" hours code.

27 Supervisors (incident or home unit), should clearly communicate to employees their new
28 temporary tour of duty schedule when the assignment begins to prevent confusion. While written
29 notification of the new temporary tour of duty schedule is not required, it is recommended that
30 employees on an assignment away from their home unit convey their temporary tour of duty
31 schedule to their home unit supervisor and timekeeper.

HC 140, SUNDAY PREMIUM WORKED

33 This is used to record the non-overtime hours worked between midnight Saturday and midnight
34 Sunday. Employees who are entitled to Sunday Premium are those whose regular basic tour of
35 duty at their home unit includes Sunday as part of their basic work week. These employees retain
36 the Sunday Premium on the incident as long as they perform work on Sunday.

INJURY LEAVE – CONTINUATION OF PAY (COP)

1 The COP rates are established according to Federal Employee Compensation Act (FECA)
2 regulations. Directions for coding the OF-288 are found in the SIIBM, chapter 10. For Office of
3 Workers' Compensation Program (OWCP) technical direction on coding OWCP lost time,
4 coordinate with your local compensation specialist. The compensation specialist is responsible
5 for verifying the continuation of pay rate and that other compensation disability reporting
6 requirements are met.

7 The OF-288s will be received by the home unit with any CA-1 (injury) or CA-2 (illness)
8 documentation completed during the incident assignment.

9 Pay Codes:

- 10 • 160, FECA/COP Paid (1st Occurrence) Continuation of pay (COP) for employees who
11 sustain a disabling, job-related, traumatic injury. These employees are entitled to COP for
12 a period not to exceed 45 calendar days from the date of injury.
- 13 • 161, FECA/COP Unpaid (1st Occurrence) Periods of unpaid time (non-work days) that
14 fall within a period of paid FECA/COP leave.
- 15 • 164 - FECA/COP - Paid (2nd Occurrence)
- 16 • 166 - FECA/COP - Paid (3rd Occurrence)
- 17 • 168 - FECA/COP - Paid (4th Occurrence)
- 18 • 16L - FECA/COP - Paid (5th Occurrence)
- 19 • 16N - FECA/COP - Paid (6th Occurrence)
- 20 • 16Q - FECA/COP - Paid (7th Occurrence)
- 21 • 16S - FECA/COP - Paid (8th Occurrence)
- 22 • 16U - FECA/COP - Paid (9th Occurrence)
- 23 • 16W - FECA/COP - Paid (10th Occurrence)
- 24 • 16Y - FECA/COP - Paid (11th Occurrence)

25 **OTHER KEY POINTS**

26 **Maximum Earning Limitation**

27 The CFR 550.105(a) limits GS employee's bi-weekly pay to the greater of the maximum step of
28 a GS-15 or level V of the Executive Schedule (see also 5 CFR 550.106(c)(1)). The bi-weekly
29 maximum earnings limitation is waived for employees working in support of emergency
30 wildland fire suppression activities. In order to qualify for the bi-weekly maximum earnings
31 limitation, an employee's overtime work must be charged to wildland fire, Burned Area
32 Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR), severity, or wildland fire suppression funds
33 tied to the support of suppression operations, and that overtime work must be recorded on a time
34 sheet approved by an appropriate supervisor.

35 All employees working on or in support of all non-wildland fire emergency incidents or activities
36 are subject to the bi-weekly maximum earnings limitation. In certain non-wildland fire
37 emergency circumstances, the bi-weekly maximum earnings limitation may be waived. The bi-
38 weekly waiver must be approved by either the BLM WO Human Resource office or by the DOI
39 Human Resource office if all four DOI bureaus are affected. When a waiver is requested for all
40 four DOI fire bureaus, the request must be sent to the DOI Human Resource office through
41 OWF. When the bi-weekly limitation is waived, written direction will be issued from the BLM

1 Assistant Director, Fire & Aviation Directorate. However, in all situations, the annual maximum
2 earnings limitation remains in place.

3 **Incident Job Codes**

4 *FireCodes*

5 Unique FireCodes are required for any size class fire, trespass fires, billable/reimbursable fires,
6 and fires of suspicious origin (arson).

7 *FEMA Support*

8 All hazard (non-fire) incidents declared under the Stafford Act will have a reimbursable code.

9 *FEMA Wildland Fire Support*

10 All wildland fires declared under the Stafford Act will have a reimbursable code.

11 *Non-Federal Department of Defense (DOD) Fires with BLM Support*

12 States and the DOD do not utilize the FireCode system to generate codes; however, BLM will
13 retrieve a FireCode if federal resources respond and provide support. The agency that receives
14 the request initially and fills an order will generate the FireCode. The information contained in
15 the FireCode record will identify it as a non-federal fire. Costs associated with these fires will be
16 collected through a reimbursable agreement.

17 *Administratively Uncontrollable Overtime (AUO)*

18 AUO and Fire Assignments – Refer to 1400-550 Pay Administration Manual.

19 **BOOT STIPEND**

20 The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) wildland fire boot standard has been
21 adopted by the BLM as appropriate for safe work on the fireline. The NWCG has also concluded
22 that protective footwear is very personal in nature, and can be used by employees off the job site.
23 In October 2011, the DOI issued Office of Wildland Fire Coordination Memorandum 2011-2,
24 Department of the Interior Wildland Fire Boot Stipend, authorizing payment of the wildland fire
25 boot stipend.

26 **QUALIFICATIONS**

27 To qualify for the wildland fire boot stipend, a taxable benefit in the amount of \$100.00 per
28 calendar year, individuals must be:

29 A permanent full-time, career-seasonal or temporary employee who:

- 30 • Holds a current incident qualification card with a fitness rating of moderate or arduous,
31 **and**
- 32 • Encumbers a position that has been approved for special (firefighter) retirement
33 (regardless of appointment type), **and**
- 34 • Is primarily employed in one of the following categories:
35 ○ Fire operations supervisor/station manager

- 1 ○ Fire engine crew (including engine captain, engine operator, and engine
- 2 crewmember)
- 3 ○ Fire water tender crew (including fire water tender operator, and fire water tender
- 4 crewmember)
- 5 ○ Fire heavy equipment operator (including fire heavy equipment operator, fire
- 6 bulldozer/tractor plow operator, and firefighters/crewmembers assigned as primary
- 7 support staff)
- 8 ○ Helitack crew (including helicopter crew supervisor, assistant, squad leader, and
- 9 helicopter crewmember)
- 10 ○ Hand crew (including crew supervisor, assistant, squad leader and crewmembers of
- 11 Type 1 interagency hotshot crews and Type 2 crews)
- 12 ○ Smokejumper
- 13 ○ Alaska fire specialist (Alaska FSS)
- 14 ○ Fuels technician/specialist responsible for implementing prescribed fires (stipends
- 15 for these positions will be paid with hazardous fuels funds)

16 Personnel hired under the administratively-determined (AD) authority who:

- 17 ● Hold a current qualification card with a fitness rating of moderate or arduous, **and**
- 18 ● Have received their first fire assignment in an Incident Qualification Certification
- 19 (IQCS) position requiring a moderate or arduous fitness rating (as per the PMCS 310-1
- 20 or agency requirements).
- 21

22 **PROCEDURES FOR AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BOOT STIPEND**

23 Once the qualification has been determined:

24 Regular Government Employees

- 25 ● The employee will fill out the following fields on the A-18, Report of Taxable Fringe
- 26 Benefits Form, located at
- 27 http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/links/Boots.html.
- 28 ○ Name: *Employee's Name*
- 29 ○ Social Security Number: *Only the last 4 digits of the employee's SSN*
- 30 ○ Sub bureau: *Employee's State Code (i.e., LLAK, LLAZ, LLFA, etc.)*
- 31 ● The authorizing officials will complete the following fields and forward the A-18 to the
- 32 Servicing Human Resource Office (SHRO):
- 33 ○ From: *Authorizing Officials Name*
- 34 ○ P.C. EFB (Taxable Benefit) Cost account #: *LFSPB00T0000*
- 35 – For Regular Government Employees: *LF100000 HT0000*
- 36 – For Casuals: *LF200000 HU0000*
- 37 ○ Authorized By: *Authorizing Officials Signature*
- 38 ○ Date: *Date Signed*
- 39 ○ Phone Number: *Authorizing Official's Phone Number*

- The SHRO will verify all forms are completed and signed and will forward Form A-18 to the National Business Center, Payroll Operations Division, Attn: D-2663 for payment processing. (Forms can be faxed to 303-969-7429.)

Casual or AD Hires

- Payments will be processed by the DOI Casual Payment Center (CPC). It will be a taxable wage and included on their W-2 in block 1, Wages.
- The CPC will monitor the Incident Time Reports (OF-288) that are submitted. The CPC will process the boot stipend automatically for the first qualifying assignment of each casual.
- If, for some reason, a casual employee should not receive a boot stipend, that must be noted each time an OF-288 is submitted for the casual.

ADMINISTRATION

QUICK TIME

The DOI NBC, Federal Personnel Payroll Systems and Services Directorate, provides support and maintenance for the QuickTime automated T&A system software. QuickTime is a web-based T&A system that allows employee entry of time, as well as traditional timekeeper data entry. The system provides extensive editing to ensure that data meets relational edits and regulatory requirements. The T&As must be validated and certified through electronic signatures before updating and producing payroll interface files. The system also provides built-in audit trails and management controls.

OF-288, EMERGENCY TIME REPORT

Changes should not be made to the OF-288, with the exception of posting travel time and correcting math errors once the employee arrives at the home unit. The original OF-288 is retained in the employee's T&A files, per records management requirements.

COMMISSARY

Incident management teams may establish an agency-provided commissary to provide personal items such as socks and boots to incident personnel. Items purchased from an agency-provided commissary are always payroll deducted. The incident finance/administration section posts commissary payroll deductions to block 22 of the individual's OF-288.

Payroll deductions for commissary items are processed using Form 1340-15, Timekeeper/Quarters, Meals, Commissary Adjustment Notice. It is the responsibility of the employee to ensure the Form 1340-15 is completed and the original forwarded to the DOI-NBC, D-2663. A copy should be retained in the employee's T&A file.

E-ISUITE ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

E-ISuite consists of two areas: Site and Enterprise. The e-ISuite Enterprise version can be accessed via internet browser (office, virtual workplace, etc.) and used for any complexity of wildland fire or other all-hazard incidents.

The Account Manager is a privileged administrative role that has restrictions defined by each agency. Each District/Field/Zone Office will designate the primary Account Manager (i.e., Incident Business Specialist) for their unit's resources and will work within their office to identify a back-up. The State Fire Business Lead will be Account Manager for those individuals designated at the District/Field/Zone Office level for privileged accounts and a "super user" for the State.

A person can only access the e-ISuite Enterprise system if they have a valid account in the National Enterprise Support Service Application Portal (NAP). NAP is a system used to manage user application log on account information for numerous interagency systems, such as ROSS and WIMS. Information on how to request an account and the different roles' responsibilities can be located at: <http://famit.nwecg.gov/applications/eISuite/support/resources>.

Please notify your District/Field/Zone Office's assigned Account Manager prior to requesting an account and use their name as "The contact that can validate your request" on the request form. Once a person receives an email approval of their NAP account they should contact their assigned Account Manager, so that their account can be added to the e-ISuite Enterprise system. After a user account has been added, the Account Manager will assign the role(s) necessary to perform different functions within e-ISuite Enterprise based on the user's anticipated/historical use of the system and/or their incident qualifications.

FEDERAL APPOINTMENT AUTHORITIES**30-Day Critical Need**

Appointment that does not exceed 30 days, for which a critical hiring need exists. (5CFR 213.3102(I)(2))

Temporary NTE Noncompetitive Reinstatement Eligible

Appointment expected to last for a specified period not to exceed one year. (5CFR 316.402(B)(1))

Temporary Promotion

Time limited promotion of an employee to a higher graded position for a specific period of time. (Agency Merit Promotion Plan)

Detail

Temporary assignment of an employee to a different position within an agency, at the same grade and pay, for a specific period.

Temporary NTE Competitive

Appointment expected to last for a specified period not to exceed one year. (5CFR 316.402(B)(1))

Dual Appointment

Agency career, career conditional, or term employees, in non-pay status under their permanent/term appointment in one agency, may be employed in a temporary appointment with another agency, during the period of non-pay. (Applicable temporary hiring authority)

Administratively Determined (AD) Pay Plan for Emergency Workers

The pay plan applies only to those individuals (casual hires) that are recruited for the sole purpose of dealing with an immediate fire emergency, extreme fire potential, or other emergency. Casual hires shall be terminated when other employment methods can be initiated.

This authority cannot be used to circumvent other hiring authorities. (4USC 5102 (19), & USC 224 and 2226, 16 USC 554e and 43 USC 1469)

More information on the appointment types listed above can be found at

https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/OrangeBk.html

DEFINITIONS**Accounting Code**

BLM accounting code for suppression:

LLFA400000	LF2000000	HU0000	LFSPXXXX0000
(Cost Center)	(Functional Area)	(PE Code)	(WBS XXXX=firecode)

See Chapter 8 and 9 for detailed accounting code information.

Administrative Work Week

Period of seven consecutive calendar days designated in advance by the head of a department (5 U.S.C. 6101(a)).

Assignment

The time period (days) between the first full operational period at the first incident, or reporting location on the original resource order, and commencement of return travel to the home unit.

Base Hours

The number of hours in a daily tour of duty.

Basic Work Week

Refers to the scheduled work week of the employee (individual) at the home unit.

Callback Overtime

Employees are entitled to a minimum of two hours of regular overtime or compensatory time when they are required to return to their place of work or are called in to work on a non-workday. This does not apply when receiving phone calls outside of normal working hours on work related matters.

The two hour call back provision in law does not apply when assigned to an incident.

Compensable Hours and Travel

Those hours of work or travel for which an employee is authorized to receive compensation.

Days Off

After completion of a 14 day assignment and return to the home unit, two mandatory days off will be provided (2 after 14). During an incident, if the assignment is extended, mandatory days off are applied before the 22nd day.

Environmental Differential

An additional pay entitlement for Wage Grade employees for irregular or intermittent work involving unusual hazard which could result in serious injury or death; or exposure to an unusually severe physical hardship or working condition (see code chart in the DOI Time and Attendance (T&A) Pay Codes Manual).

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4

The ESF#4 is an annex under the National Response Framework (NRF) which manages and coordinates federal firefighting activities. The BLM may also respond under ESF#4 to assist with non-fire emergencies (e.g., floods, hurricanes, earthquakes) that are presidentially declared.

General Schedule (GS) Employee

A regular federal government employee who is compensated under the GS Pay Plan.

Guaranteed Hours

All employees are guaranteed at least 8, 9, or 10 hours (depending on their established daily tour of duty) of pay each day while assigned to an emergency. Exception: When personnel are required to take a mandatory day off which falls on their normal day off, there will be no pay compensation.

Hazard Pay

A pay differential for GS employees for the performance of hazardous duty or duty involving physical hardship not usually involved in carrying out the duties of his/her position. Reference U.S. Code 5545 (d) and 5 CFR 550.903 (see code chart in the DOI T&A Pay Codes Manual).

Home Unit

The employing office where the employee is regularly assigned.

Incident

An occurrence, either human-caused or natural phenomenon that requires action or support by emergency service personnel to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property and/or natural resources.

Incident Assignment

An assignment to an incident that requires a length of commitment.

Length of Assignment

An assignment is defined as the time period (days) between the first full operational period at the first incident or reporting location on the original resource order and commencement of return

1 travel to the home unit. Standard assignment length is 14 days, exclusive of travel from and to
2 home unit, with possible extension of up to 14 additional days.

3 **Management Directed Days Off**

4 Agency policy determines approval authority level and documentation requirements for a
5 management directed day off. A management directed day off may only be given when the
6 employee is at the home unit.

7 **Military Time**

8 Consecutive, numbered hours based on a 24-hour day. Midnight is the cutoff time between days
9 (i.e., one minute after midnight is 0001, midnight is 2400). Reference the Standards for
10 Interagency Incident Business Management (SIIBM) (chapter 10, exhibit 2).

11 **On Call**

12 Employee will be in on-call status if he or she is allowed to leave a telephone number or to carry
13 an electronic device for the purpose of being contacted, even though the employee is required to
14 remain in a reasonable call-back radius. The employee may be subject to restrictions necessary to
15 ensure that he or she will be able to perform his or her duties and responsibilities safely, such as
16 restrictions on alcohol consumption or use of certain medications. On call time is non-
17 compensable.

18 **Off Shift**

19 Non-compensable time; e.g., eating, sleeping, or other activities of a personal nature.

20 **Ordered Standby**

21 When an employee has been directed or ordered to be in ready status (fully outfitted, awaiting
22 imminent departure) at an assembly point, staging area, or other location and is awaiting
23 departure. 5 CFR 551.431(a) (1) states: "An employee is on duty, and time spent on standby duty
24 is hours of work if, for work-related reasons, the employee is restricted by official order to a
25 designated post of duty and is assigned to be in a state of readiness to perform work with
26 limitations on the employee's activities so substantial that the employee cannot use the time
27 effectively for his or her own purposes."

28 **Pay Period**

29 The two week period used to compute pay.

30 **Prevailing Rate Employees**

31 Employees who are compensated under the Federal Wage System. They are frequently referred
32 to as wage grade (WG), wage leader (WL), or wage system (WS) employees.

33 **Regular Government Employees**

34 Includes all those people hired under authorities other than the pay plan for emergency
35 firefighters. General schedule and prevailing rate employees are included in this category.

36 **Spot Change**

37 A spot change occurs on the second continuous day of an incident, at 0001, and each day until
38 the emergency is over. A regular government employee's normal daily tour is "spot changed" to
39 where the first 8, 9, or 10 hours worked are base hours. Any time worked over the base hours are

1 paid at the appropriate overtime rates. Spot changes that exceed three consecutive pay periods
2 may cause employee's pay to be incorrect due to Payroll policy.

3 **Time Record**

4 A time record documents actual time worked and includes justifications for hazard pay,
5 compensated meal breaks, excessive hours, etc. and must be approved by an incident supervisor.
6 This could be a Crew Time Report (CTR), locally approved Field Time Report or an OF-288.

7 **Tour of Duty**

8 The hours of a day (a daily tour of duty) and the days of administrative work week (a weekly
9 tour of duty) that constitutes an employee's regularly scheduled administrative work week.

10 **Travel**

11 Time spent in transit from one location to another, and while awaiting transit to or from an
12 incident.

13 **INCIDENT ASSIGNMENTS**

14 **Tour of Duty**

15 In applying fire time occurring during a pay period, keep the current work schedule and be sure
16 to document the specific work schedule.

17 **Single-Day Assignment**

18 All compensable hours are covered under FLSA and Title 5 U.S.C. provisions as applicable.

19 Usually no changes are made in an individual's regularly assigned tour of duty when the
20 emergency incident assignment, including travel, is contained within one calendar day (0001 to
21 2400 hours).

22 **Multi-Day Assignments and Spot Change**

23 Employees remain on their current tour of duty through the first day of an incident assignment.
24 At 0001 on the second continuous day of the incident assignment, the employee "spot changes"
25 to a first 8, 9, or 10-hour schedule as shown below:

26 <u>Work Schedule</u>	<u>Spot Change</u>
27 First 40 or Regular	First 8
28 5-4/9	First 9 (or 8)
29 4-10's	First 10
30 Maxiflex (No matter what schedule you work within maxiflex)	First 8

31 Employees remain on their new spot change schedule through the last day of work or travel
32 associated with the incident.

33 For a two day incident, the Supervisor may elect to not spot change the individuals tour of duty.

34 When posting time for an employee that has been spot changed, in QuickTime click on the
35 remarks tab and select "Employee working under temporary tour of duty change."

Guaranteed Hours on an Incident Assignment

Every day is considered a workday during an incident assignment until the assignment is over or the employee is officially released from the incident. This includes personnel assigned to support an incident or multiple incidents from a location other than the incident camp, such as dispatchers, buying team members, payment teams, incident business advisors, and pilots.

Exception to this rule: When personnel at the incident are required to take a mandatory day off which falls on their normal day off, there will be no pay or any other form of compensation.

The entitlement for the guarantee does not begin or end at any specific time during a day, but is calculated at the end of the calendar day to ensure the employee's compensation for work, compensable travel, and ordered standby is at least equal to their base.

Crossing Time Zones

When traveling from one time zone to another (both to and from an incident assignment), time should be recorded in the clock hours of the first time zone until off shift for the day. The next work shift is recorded in the new time zone.

Compensation for Travel

Travel to and from an incident is compensable; time starts when employee leaves home to report to an incident, unless employee first reports to their duty station. In that case, this would be considered normal home to work travel and is not compensable. Travel would then start when employee leaves official duty station.

Compensation does not begin at the time of notification by dispatch if received outside of normal working hours, and any time spent at the employee's residence preparing for the assignment is not compensable.

Travel interruptions exceeding three hours (i.e., air travel delays), where employees are free to sleep, eat, or to a limited degree pursue personal activities, are considered non-compensable.

Waiting time of more than three hours should be noted in Block 11 of the CTR or OF-288. All travel time should be recorded using the time zone of departure.

Work /Rest, Length of Assignment, And Days Off

The intent of the work/rest, length of assignment, and days off guideline is to manage fatigue and provide flexibility for incident commanders and agency administrators managing initial attack, extended attack, and large fires.

Work /Rest

To maintain safe and productive incident activities, incident management personnel must appropriately manage work and rest periods, assignment duration and shift length for personnel (reference chapter 7, Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations). A justification will be documented in the daily incident records for those instances where a works shift exceeds 16 hours and those that do not meet the 2:1 work-to-rest ratio. Documentation shall include mitigation measures used to reduce fatigue.

1 The time officer's/unit leader's approval of the OF-288, or other agency pay document, certifies
2 that the required documentation is on file and no further documentation is required for pay
3 purposes.

4 **Length of Assignment**

5 Standard assignment length is 14 days, exclusive of travel from and to the home unit, with
6 possible extensions as identified below. Time spent in staging and preposition status counts
7 toward the 14-day limit, regardless of pay status, for all personnel including incident
8 management teams.

9 Upon completion of the standard 14 day assignment, an extension of up to an additional 14 days
10 may be allowed (for a total of up to 30 days, inclusive of mandatory days off, and exclusive of
11 travel). After 30 days it is recommended that the employee return to their home unit for health
12 and welfare.

13 **Paid Days Off**

14 A regular government employee is compensated for base hours (8, 9, or 10 hours per the normal
15 weekly tour of duty) for all days assigned to the incident. Compensation on a paid day off cannot
16 exceed the base hour requirement. The base hour requirement is met by any hours recorded in a
17 calendar day (e.g., work, travel, administrative leave, etc.).

18 After completion of a 14 day assignment and return to the home unit, two days off will be
19 provided (2 after 14). In addition, personnel may be extended up to 14 additional days.
20 Regardless of extension duration, two mandatory days off will be provided prior to the 22nd day
21 of the assignment.

22 Code a paid day off occurring on a regular workday to hours code (HC) 061 which will populate
23 the generic Administrative Leave Functional Area in the automated payroll system.

24 Employee/supervisor/timekeeper will enter "paid day off authorized for (month/day)" in the
25 QuickTime comments section.

26 NOTE: Employees are not compensated for a day off occurring at the home unit or on the
27 incident that falls on a scheduled day off or on a holiday.

28 **Management Directed Days Off**

29 A management-directed day off occurs only on a regular government employee's normal
30 workday while at the home unit.

31 Supervisors hold the responsibility for managing work schedules for initial attack, dispatch and
32 incident support personnel during extended incident situations. During periods of non-routine or
33 extended activity, these employees will have a minimum of one day off in any 21-day period.
34 The SIIBM, chapter 10, addresses management-directed days off.

35 Required days off for all employees are non-compensable when they occur on the employees
36 scheduled day(s) off or on a holiday. Home unit agency administrators may authorize additional
37 day(s) off with compensation to further mitigate fatigue.

- 1 Code the management directed day off to HC 061 which will populate the generic
- 2 Administrative Leave Functional Area in the automated payroll system.
- 3 Employee/supervisor/timekeeper will enter “paid day off authorized for (month/day)” in the
- 4 QuickTime comments section.

- 5 If leave is taken for personal reasons not related to mandatory days off, the employee will be
- 6 placed on off-duty status; the OF-288 will show the total hours actually worked and the remarks
- 7 block will document that the employee was released for personal reasons
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CHAPTER 2 CASUAL HIRES

BLM AD PAY GUIDANCE

The AD Pay Plan is a special hiring authority granted to DOI, providing a simplified process to hire casuals for the specific needs identified below. This pay plan may not be used to circumvent other hiring authorities (i.e., temporary 1039 or career seasonal appointments), contracting procedures, or to fill vacant government positions. Additionally, this authority can never be used to extend a time limited appointment such as 1039 appointments (both prior to and post appointment).

It is imperative that hiring officials, approving officials, and other pertinent staff educate themselves with this guidance, the pay plan, and the SIIBM prior to hiring under the AD Pay Plan authority.

To assist the field, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found at https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/OrangeBk.html.

If it is determined that the AD Pay Plan was not the appropriate mechanism for hiring, the hiring unit will need to work through their local human resource office to determine payment options (e.g., “de facto” pay).

PROPER APPLICATION OF THE AD PAY PLAN

The AD Pay Plan only applies when it becomes necessary to hire persons:

- To cope with a sudden and unexpected emergency caused by a fire, or extreme fire potential, flood, storm, or any other emergency that threatens damage to federally protected property, unless brought under immediate control.
- To provide emergency assistance to states under formalized agreements.
- To meet mission assignments issued by FEMA.
- To supplement regular personnel assigned to prescribed fire projects (this authority does not include mechanical or chemical hazardous fuels reduction projects).
- To attend emergency incident training.
 - Units may hire casuals to attend training in preparation for emergency incidents (e.g., Incident Command System (ICS) courses, refresher and other State/Nationally recognized training). The training course number should be noted on the OF-288 when submitted to the CPC for processing. (e.g., “S-261 Training” under Block 2, Fire Name, for each completed column to clarify that the hours worked are for being a student.
 - In most cases, training hours, excluding travel time, should not exceed a total of 80 hours per calendar year, regardless of the hiring agency. Training hours in excess of 80 hours must be approved by the State Incident Business Lead. Requests to

1 approve hours above 80 hours shall be done in writing by the hiring official to the
2 State Fire Business Lead. This approval must accompany the OF-288 submitted to
3 the Casual Payment Center. Please identify travel time on the OF-288, so the CPC
4 can properly input time and keep travel separate from actual training hours.

- 5 ○ It is the responsibility of the hiring unit to monitor training hours through the use of
6 the Casual Pay OBIEE system.
- 7 ○ Salary, travel, and per diem will be charged to LF2000000.HT0000
8 LF.SP.AZA10000, and the hiring unit's cost center. If a meeting is identified as
9 critical to the Casual employee's training for the upcoming fire season, attendance
10 must be approved by the State FMO.

11 ● To instruct emergency incident training.

- 12 ○ Units may hire casuals to instruct emergency incident training only when all other
13 methods of hiring and contracting instructors have been exhausted. The training
14 course number should be notated on the OF-288 when submitted to the CPC for
15 processing. Note "Training Instructor" under Block 2, Fire Name, for each
16 completed column to clarify that the hours worked are for being an instructor.
- 17 ○ Length of employment is not to exceed a total of 120 hours, excluding travel, per
18 calendar year, regardless of hiring agency. Please identify travel time on the OF-
19 288, so the CPC can properly input time and keep travel separate from actual
20 instructor hours.
- 21 ○ It is the responsibility of the hiring unit to monitor instructor hours through the use
22 of the Casual Pay OBIEE system.
- 23 ○ Salary, travel, and per diem will be charged to LF2000000.HT0000
24 LF.SP.AZA10000, and the hiring unit's cost center.
- 25 ○ The pay plan does not authorize the hiring of casuals to fill support roles during fire
26 training (e.g., Rookie School, Fire Academy).

27 ● To carry out emergency stabilization (ES) work during or directly following an incident,
28 or during a transition period (not to exceed 90 days), to develop plans and manage an
29 emergency stabilization effort until regular government employees can handle the
30 situation.

31 ● To assist with prescribed fire projects due to the unpredictable nature of prescribed fire
32 activities. This does not include mechanical or chemical hazardous fuels reduction
33 projects.

- 34 ○ The term of hire may not begin until 24 hours before planned ignition, and must be
35 completed 24 hours after the perimeter is secured.
- 36 ○ Work on prescribed fires is limited to 300 hours per person, per calendar year,
37 excluding travel regardless of agency. The hiring unit holds the responsibility to
38 monitor prescribed fire hours, through use of the Casual Pay OBIEE system.
- 39 ○ Casuals should not be hired for prescribed fire projects conducted by other agencies.
40 It is the benefitting agency's responsibility to hire casuals.

HIRING UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the hiring unit to:

- Designate hiring/approving officials.
 - Hiring officials are delegated the authority to hire casuals from the District Manager (Chapter 2 of Interagency Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations). Hiring officials need to have an in-depth knowledge of the AD Pay Plan, and a full understanding of how and when it can be utilized.
 - Approving officials are designated by the hiring official to audit casual time (OF-288s) for accuracy and completeness, and then certify that each timesheet is properly completed and legal for payment by meeting the provisions of the AD Pay Plan. Incomplete, illegible and/or inaccurate timesheets submitted will delay payment being made to the casual. Changes in approving officials shall be submitted to the State Incident Business Lead, who will forward to the National Incident Business Lead.
- Review the OF-288 and hiring forms for accuracy and completeness, prior to submission to the CPC for payment.
- Maintain casual hiring documents in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).
- Put casuals in pay status or sign volunteer agreement prior to taking the work capacity test.
- Coordinate with human resources for application of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) as it applies to hiring casuals. When hiring casuals, hiring offices will use their own cost center, with LF2000000.HT0000 LF.SP.CCA80000 to track costs associated with this directive.
- Process workers compensation claims. Casuals are covered under the Federal Employee's Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. 81), which authorizes medical care and compensation for periods of disability for casuals who sustain traumatic injuries and occupational diseases in the performance of duties. Casuals are entitled to payment of COP for traumatic injuries for eight hours per day, seven days a week, for a maximum of 45 calendar days. Reference the SIIBM for more detailed information on coding COP for casuals (Chapter 10).
- Process personal property loss/property damage claims.
- Issue authorization to travel and process claims for travel expense reimbursement.
- Hiring units are required to collect performance evaluations for all casual employees returning from assignments.
- Hiring units should keep on file emergency contact information for each casual employee hired.

HIRING FORMS

Hiring units are required to complete the necessary hiring forms when hiring a casual. The following forms are to be completed and maintained at the hiring unit in accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a): Blank casual hiring forms can be found at http://www.nifc.gov/programs/cpc_forms.html

- Single Resource Casual Hire Information Form (SRCHIF). Only one SRCHIF per call out is required. No need to create a new form for a reassignment or position change.;
- Incident Behavior Form;
- Form I-9 (most current with instructions) available at <http://www.uscis.gov/i-9>.

The following forms are to be completed and the original forwarded to the DOI CPC:

- Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate;
- SF 1199A, Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form (optional).

Hiring units are responsible for obtaining an Employee Common Identifier (ECI) from the Payment Center and relaying ECI information to the appropriate entities, inputting on the appropriate documents, etc.

1. Submit hiring information to the Payment Center to generate an ECI for new casuals. Existing casuals will already have an ECI generated. New casuals will have an ECI generated as soon as hiring information is entered into FPPS.
2. When casuals are mobilized to an incident:
 - a. If an ECI is needed for a new casual and the hiring information has not yet been submitted to the DOI Casual Payment Center (CPC), an Approving Official (AO) may call the CPC to have an ECI generated and provided over the phone. The AO must provide the casual's name, SSN and hired at locations.
 - b. If an ECI is needed for a new or existing casual and the hiring information has been submitted to the CPC, an AO may call the CPC for ECI information. The AO must provide casual's name and SSN.

If ECI information is needed for multiple casuals, an AO may submit the list of casuals with name, SSN and hired at location by secured fax to the CPC. The list of casuals with corresponding ECIs will be faxed back to the appropriate AO with sensitive PII removed.

Established ECI numbers are accessible through OBIEE.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER WAIVERS

On March 1, 2013, the U.S. Treasury implemented the requirement for direct deposit and will discontinue the issuance of paper checks. This will be implemented in FPPS on April 11, 2014.

If a casual cannot get a direct deposit bank account, there are two options;

- Electronic Transfer Account (ETA) (<https://eta-find.gov/eta/>)

- Electronic Fund Transfer Waiver request. The waiver request form can be found at http://www.nifc.gov/programs/cpc_forms.html.

Casuals may apply for a waiver if electronic funds transfer would impose a hardship because of the individual's inability to manage an account at a financial institution or a US Debit card account due to:

- Mental impairment or
- Living in a remote geographical location lacking the infrastructure to support electronic financial transactions

The Electronic Funds Transfer Waiver Request form must be completed by the casual and approved by an Agency Official; then submitted to the Payment Center for processing. The waiver is only valid for one calendar year.

FEDERAL/STATE TAXES

Federal and state taxes will be withheld from casual salary payments. If a W-4 has not been submitted, taxes will be withheld at the single, with no exemption rate.

In states that require income taxes, withholdings will be assessed for the state in which the casual is hired, unless a reciprocal agreement is in place. The casual pay FPPS also allows for a voluntary state tax record to be added when a casual needs to pay state taxes for the state they reside in, as well as the "hired at" state.

Please encourage casuals to consult with a tax expert for guidance on federal and state taxes.

TRAVEL

A Secretarial waiver of E-Gov Travel Service (ETS) requirements for casual hires was signed on 11/20/2015. The Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) then issued OWF Policy Memorandum 2016-04 on 2/17/2016, laying out the policy provided by the Secretarial waiver. Both of these are attached.

Under the terms of the waiver, casual employees may claim the following travel expenses on the OF-288 form:

- privately owned vehicle (POV) mileage;
- incidental expenses; and
- a maximum of 15 meals per emergency incident.

The batch memo template includes an incidental expenses (IE) box that indicates that all casuals submitted in the batch should be reimbursed for incidental expenses. Starting and ending dates will be completed by the approving official. The Casual Payment Center (CPC) will then add dates and totals for the incident expenses to each OF-288 in the batch and process the reimbursement.

1 If casual employees have more than just incidental expenses, an optional spreadsheet has been
2 created to assist in calculating the casual's reimbursement. If this spreadsheet or a similar one is
3 used, transfer totals from spreadsheet to the lower left section of the OF-288 before sending to
4 the CPC. See the CPC website https://www.nifc.gov/programs/programs_PaymentCenter.html
5 for forms and the optional spreadsheet.

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7 If the casual employee incurs a travel expense other than those listed above (e.g., luggage costs,
8 lodging, rental vehicle, fuel, etc.), the claim for **all** travel expenses must be filed in the ETS,
9 currently Concur.

10 Casuals who travel and do not meet the criteria above, will need to complete a Concur
11 Government Edition (CGE) User Profile, and Financial and Business Management System
12 (FBMS) Vendor Master Setup Form. The assigned Federal Agency Travel Administrator
13 (FATA) will use this form to create or update the casual's individual CGE profile.

14 **FEDERAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS**

15 To further the goal of providing affordable health insurance to all eligible Federal employees, the
16 United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has issued a final rule modifying
17 coverage under the Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) Program to include certain
18 temporary, seasonal, and intermittent employees who work full-time, while employed. This now
19 includes casuals as of January 1, 2017. See Instruction Memorandum FA IM-2017-006 for
20 guidance in offering casuals FEHB coverage.

21 **EXCEPTION POSITIONS**

22 If the need arises, an exception position may be established to meet a local need (for use within
23 the local/geographic area). The pay plan provides classification guidelines for determining what
24 level an exception position may be established. A brief description of duties must accompany the
25 OF-288 when sent for processing. The State Incident Business Lead must review and approve
26 any exception positions established, and will forward to National Incident Business Lead. A
27 copy of the approval must be submitted with the OF-288 to the CPC.

28 **HIRING OF RELATIVES**

29 The BLM policy regarding the employment of relatives is applicable to the AD Pay Plan. The
30 policy prohibits a BLM public official from appointing, employing, promoting, advancing, or
31 advocating the employment or advancement of a relative in their organization where they have
32 jurisdiction.

33 **INCIDENT BUSINESS REVIEWS**

34 States are responsible for conducting casual reviews as part of the Incident Business Review
35 process. The intent of the review is to demonstrate offices are following the DOI standard and
36 BLM policies and guidance in the application of the AD Pay Plan for Emergency Workers
37 (casuals). The Business Review Checklist can be found at
38 https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_intgncy_prepcheck_BLMchecklist.html.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES FOR CASUALS HIRED UNDER THE AD PAY PLAN

The processing of emergency firefighter payroll for casuals hired by the BLM will be accomplished by the DOI CPC, located at 3833 S. Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705-5354. Payment procedures can be found at https://www.nifc.gov/programs/programs_PaymentCenter.html.

The CPC provides for detail opportunities throughout the year. If a hiring or approving official has an interest, they should contact their state incident business lead to coordinate dates for a three or five day training assignment.

WHO DO I CALL?

Any questions regarding the AD pay plan authority should be directed to a local subject matter expert. Local subject matter experts include the Fire Management Officer (FMO), the Assistant Fire Management Officer (AFMO), hiring officials, etc. If the local subject matter expert is unable to answer questions regarding the AD pay plan authority, contact the state incident business lead or national incident business lead when the state lead is not available. A list of BLM state incident business leads can be found at http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/FBMG_Group.html.

Any questions regarding the actual payment of a casual(s) or the payment process should be directed to the CPC. Use the “Batch” number and/or a social security number (SSN) for reference purposes to expedite the call. The CPC employees are experts on the casual pay FPPS, as it applies to casual payments and the casual payment process.

A helpful table that lists items that the CPC will call about for further explanation or verification and ways to help avoid being called by the CPC can be found at: https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/OrangeBk.html.

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CHAPTER 3 TRAVEL

REFERENCE

- DOI Travel Guidance (<http://go.usa.gov/cADGC>)
- NOC Travel Management (<https://blmspace.blm.doi.net/oc/intra/dbs/Pages/Travel.aspx>)
- Mandatory Review and Resolution of Outstanding Travel Documents ([OC-2019-011](#))

SF-1164 – CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS

The SF-1164 can be used in order to receive reimbursement for the incidental rate, based on the location of the incident, when meals are provided, not to exceed \$200 per each SF-1164 request submitted. Please note: If traveler is claiming the grocery rate (when meals are not provided) or if any other expenses such as meals, lodging, transportation, mileage, etc., are to be reimbursed, **a travel voucher must be filed.** See IM OC-2014-003 at http://teamspace/oc/sites/prog_rmfoia/NOC%20Instruction%20Memorandums%20IM%202014/IM%20OC-2014-003.pdf

USE OF UNAUTHORIZED WEB-BASED TRAVEL SERVICES

Use of unauthorized web-based travel services is prohibited by 41 CFR §301-50.3. All lodging, transportation, and car rental arrangements must be made through the official Travel Management System (TMS) website.

Charge card transactions will be monitored weekly by the National Operations Center (NOC) to identify unauthorized charge card transactions for web-based travel services. The travel team will utilize this data to identify employees who have improperly booked lodging and will hold the travel voucher until the procedures below are completed. The voucher will be considered an improper voucher and the traveler will not be entitled to late payment fees or penalties as outlined in 41 CFR §301-71.203. Prior to implementation of this policy, state offices/centers with bargaining unit agreements must consult with their local unions.

When an unauthorized transaction is identified, the travel team will notify the traveler and the state/center/Washington Office (WO) Lead Charge Card Agency/Organization Program Coordinator (A/OPC) that the travel was booked improperly. In addition, the Deputy State Director (DSD) for Support Services, NOC Director, or WO AD will be informed that one of their employees used incorrect procedures to make travel arrangements.

The following must occur before the travel voucher can be processed for payment:

- The A/OPC must move the centrally-billed lodging transaction and any associated booking or cancellation fees to individually-billed status.

- 1 • The A/OPC must prepare a memorandum that states:
 - 2 ○ The unauthorized transaction(s) have been moved to individually billed status.
 - 3 ○ All future official travel must be arranged in accordance with the BLM policy and
 - 4 41 CFR §301-50, which mandates the use of the agency designated TMS.
 - 5 ○ The traveler has been advised that future infractions will result in appropriate
 - 6 disciplinary action as defined in the DOI Handbook on Charges and Penalty
 - 7 Selection for Disciplinary and Adverse Actions.

8 The A/OPC, the traveler, and the approving official must sign the memorandum. The A/OPC
9 must forward all memorandums to the DSD for Support Services, NOC Director, or WO AD for
10 review on at least a monthly basis.

11 The memorandum, or a scanned copy with signatures, must be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the
12 NOC Travel Team (OC-623). The voucher will then be processed for the authorized expenses
13 immediately. No fees will be reimbursed for hotel and rental car reservations. For rental cars not
14 rented under the current federal contract, the daily rental rate reimbursement will be limited to
15 the rental rate (plus applicable taxes and fees) provided in the current federal contract, and the
16 traveler will have the same liability for property and personal damages as they would if they
17 were using a privately-owned vehicle. Transaction fees for airfare will be reimbursed up to the
18 amount being charged by the agency's TMS at the time of the booking (currently \$4.35).

19 The cost of lodging, transportation, and car rentals booked through an unauthorized web-based
20 travel service are not refundable if the traveler must cancel the trip. Because this process is not
21 authorized, any nonrefundable charge paid directly by the BLM will be moved to individually-
22 billed and will be the responsibility of the traveler. Under no circumstances may the traveler be
23 reimbursed by the BLM for any individually-billed nonrefundable expenses incurred.

24 AUTHORIZATIONS

25 When there is not ample time for an emergency deployment traveler to create a travel
26 authorization in the TMS before departure, the resource order will serve as the temporary travel
27 authorization. Note: The resource order does not circumvent the requirement to obtain your
28 supervisor's approval prior to traveling or compliance with travel regulations. Upon return, a
29 travel authorization must be created in the TMS in order to generate a travel voucher for
30 payment.

31 AIRLINE FOOD PURCHASES

32 Many airlines offer a food-for-purchase service to travelers. Travelers **must not** use their
33 government-issued charge card for these purchases, as they will be centrally-billed. Instead,
34 personal funds should be used to purchase airline meals. If the charge card is inadvertently used,
35 the cost of the meal(s) needs to be deducted from the meals and incidental expenses (M&IE)
36 claim for that day.

37 Please note the policies regarding the M&IE allowance for trips of various lengths. Trips of 12
38 hours or less are not eligible for the M&IE reimbursement. However, mileage, taxi fares,
39 shuttles, parking, etc., are eligible if not centrally-billed.

1 When the entire trip is more than 12 hours but less than 24 hours, the M&IE allowance is 75
2 percent, or three-fourths of the applicable rate as specified in the Federal Travel Regulations
3 (FTR) for the location, unless a different rate is fully justified and approved.

4 For trips of 24 hours or more, the M&IE allowance is computed as follows:

- 5 • The day of departure and the last day of travel: 75 percent, or three-fourths of the
6 applicable M&IE rate.
- 7 • Full days of travel: 100 percent of the applicable M&IE rate.

8 For further information, please refer to the Financial Administration Memorandum No. 2004-
9 005.

10 **FIRST CLASS PROCEDURES**

11 When traveling on official government business, whether domestically or internationally, BLM
12 employees must use coach class accommodations, except as provided under sections §301-
13 10.123 and §301-10.124 of the FTR

14 First-class travel must be approved by the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget
15 per 205 DM 15. The routing chain described in Financial Administration Memorandums No.
16 2007-19 and No. 2008-03 must be used for all first-class travel requests.

17 Business-class travel at the BLM level is delegated to the Assistant Director of Business and
18 Fiscal Services

19 If first-class travel is being requested on a justifiable reason under the FTR §301-10.123,
20 ([justification form](#)), or business-class travel is being requested on a justifiable reason under the
21 FTR §301-10.124, the detailed documentation and request must be on a trip-by-trip
22 authorization.

23 If travel is for emergency situations (fire or natural disaster), first-class or business-class travel
24 may be approved if no other seats are available and it is imperative that the traveler boards that
25 particular flight. This is the only situation where the approval can be accepted after the fact.

26 If premium-class travel is being requested based on a medical necessity, the employee must
27 provide current medical documentation from their medical provider to their approving official.
28 This documentation must be kept at the office of origin for six years and three months as
29 prescribed by the National Archives and Records Administration, as this information may be
30 requested as part of an audit. Please keep in mind this information must be treated as proprietary
31 and confidential information and must be safeguarded from unauthorized disclosure.

32 Business-class and first-class tickets cannot be booked online, nor will the TMC issue any
33 premium-class tickets without the approved documentation. Employees may upgrade to
34 business-class or first-class travel at their own expenses or through redemption of frequent flyer
35 benefits with no additional approval required.

1 If first-class or business-class travel has been approved, for annual reporting purposes please
2 submit a copy of the approved request to the National Operations Center, fax number 303-236-
3 2531.

4 **COMMON CARRIER CASH PAYMENTS**

5 This section states the BLM's policy for reimbursement of common carrier transportation
6 services paid in cash by BLM employees. For purposes of this section, checks (personal or
7 travelers) and personal credit or debit cards are considered the equivalent of cash.

8 All passenger transportation services by common carrier must be procured through the use of
9 either the United States (U.S.) Government Transportation Request or a government-issued
10 charge card.

11 The use of cash to procure passenger transportation services will be authorized under the
12 following circumstances:

- 13 • Travelers may use cash to procure passenger transportation services costing \$100 or
14 less.
- 15 • Under emergency circumstances when the use of the government-sponsored charge
16 card is not possible, the state director or Chief, Division of Business Services (DBS) at
17 the NOC must approve the reimbursement of travelers' use of cash greater than \$100.

18 A memorandum requesting reimbursement for cash payment of transportation services under
19 emergency circumstances will show the ticket number, carrier name, class of service, origin, and
20 destination of travel performed, total cost of the purchased transportation ticket, applicable city
21 pair fare, and a full explanation of the emergency situation. The memorandum must also assign,
22 to the BLM, the traveler's right to recover any excess payment involving a carrier's use of
23 improper rates.

24 The completed memorandum, along with a copy of the travel voucher and supporting
25 documentation, should be forwarded to the Chief, DBS at the NOC, OC600, to approve the use
26 of cash in excess of \$100.

27 The approved memorandum must be attached to the TMS travel voucher prior to payment. In all
28 cases, receipts, passenger coupons, or other appropriate evidence is also required to support
29 reimbursement.

30 **PER DIEM REDUCTION AFTER 30 DAY ASSIGNMENT**

31 DOI Travel Policy states: "Extended TDY assignments are defined as a trip that the traveler is in
32 TDY status for 30 consecutive days or longer at one location". Also, the traveler and the
33 approving official **know in advance**, that the travel is going to be more than 30 days. The per
34 diem reimbursement for travelers on extended TDY is 55% of the maximum allowable rate for
35 the locality, unless a different rate is fully justified. The per diem rate must be documented and
36 approved prior to the beginning of the assignment.

1 The intent of the extended TDY policy is to encourage travelers to reduce their travel costs since
2 they are on travel for a longer duration.

3 In instances where a traveler goes on an assignment for say, 14 days and is extended, which then
4 exceeds 30 days, there is no reduction. There was no way of knowing prior to traveling that it
5 would exceed 30 days, so a reduction is not required.

6 <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/migrated/pfm/fmm/upload/DOI-TDY-Travel-Policy.pdf>

7 A good way to help determine if it is extended TDY or not is asking: (prior to traveling) how
8 long will the traveler be on TDY? Do you know for sure that the traveler will be in one location
9 for more than 30 days?

10 TEMPORARY DUTY RECEIPTS

11 Certain types of receipts, including itemized lodging receipts (regardless of amount), airline
12 itineraries, itemized rental vehicle receipts (regardless of amount), and receipts for expenses over
13 \$75, are required as supporting documentation in order to comply with statutory, regulatory, and
14 the DOI policy requirements.

15 At a minimum, itemized lodging receipts must include the name of the lodging establishment,
16 date(s) of the traveler's stay, method of payment, and the amount(s) charged for lodging, taxes,
17 and other miscellaneous expenses. Charge card slips are not acceptable, as they do not itemize
18 the amounts paid.

19 At a minimum, airline itineraries should include the traveler's name, the dates of travel, the class
20 of service, the arrival and departure locations, the ticketing information, and the amounts.
21 Reservation itineraries are not acceptable, as they do not provide the final amounts.

22 At a minimum, rental receipts must include the date the car was rented and the date the car was
23 returned, the car class charged, the amount(s) charged for the car, the amount(s) charged for
24 taxes, the amount(s) of mandatory charges, the amount(s) of miscellaneous expense, and the final
25 amount. Rental agreements are not acceptable, as they do not include the final amounts.

26 Per the FTR, if it is impracticable to furnish receipts in any instance as required, the failure to do
27 so, must be fully explained on the travel voucher. Mere inconvenience in the matter of taking
28 receipts and will not be considered.

29 LODGING AND MEALS WHEN ON INCIDENT

30 All resources assigned to an incident will follow incident agency requirements when staying at
31 incident base or other location. **Individuals are not automatically entitled to stay in a
32 hotel/motel, eat meals at restaurants, or claim per diem.** An individual assigned to an
33 incident where sleeping arrangements are provided must have written authorization with
34 justification from their incident supervisor to obtain a motel room instead. Individuals who
35 deviate from incident agency provided accommodations will not be reimbursed for unauthorized
36 expenses. Most incidents utilize a base camp to provide for resource needs through the use of a
37 caterer, local restaurants, other food providers and issuance of a sleeping bag.

1 Employees must submit reasonable accommodation requests for approval to their Servicing
2 Human Resource Officer prior to reporting to an incident. The employee must bring a copy of
3 the approval with them in order to have their requests for reasonable accommodations considered
4 at the incident.

5 **WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR IN-EXCESS LODGING**

6 When it is not possible to attain lodging at a hotel that is within the maximum lodging rate
7 allowed for the applicable location, the traveler should request a waiver through their supervisor
8 and approved by the State Director or delegated official within your state (reference BLM
9 Delegation of Authority Manual 1203, Subject Code 1382).

10 The request should be in the form of a memorandum and should contain the following
11 information.

- 12 • Traveler's name
- 13 • Location of hotel and maximum allowable lodging rate for that location
- 14 • Lodging rate of the applicable hotel
- 15 • Dates of travel
- 16 • Reason(s) lodging will exceed allowable rate: Examples may include, but are not
17 limited to:
 - 18 ○ A large event such as a convention or conference was taking place at the lodging
19 location and the hotels in the area were not offering the government rate.
 - 20 ○ The travel/lodging was unplanned and could not make prior arrangements (e.g. fire
21 or other unplanned/arranged travel).
 - 22 ○ The event/meeting is being held at the place of lodging with no hotel offering a
23 government rate in the area. Staying a distance away from the meeting location
24 would require incurring additional expenses such as taxi, rental car, etc.

25 A copy of this memo must be attached to your travel voucher when it is submitted.

26 **PER DIEM AND LODGING WHEN LESS THAN 50 MILES**

27 A per diem allowance may not be paid if your temporary duty station is 30 miles or less from
28 your official duty station or residence. Per Diem for travel more than 30 miles but less than 50
29 miles may be approved and paid only if the travel is for a conference, you are in an authorized
30 travel status, and you incur costs that generate an entitlement to reimbursement (i.e., meals or
31 lodging). An exception to the 50-mile limitation may be approved if the travel involves unusual
32 or uncontrollable factors such that requiring an employee to return to their duty station or
33 residence would create an undue hardship. Exceptions to the 50-mile limitation must be
34 approved by your State Director. A memorandum fully documenting the unusual circumstances
35 should be prepared and approved by the State Director prior to beginning the travel.

1 SELECTING MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

2 Select the type of transportation which offers the greatest advantage to the government for
3 energy conservation, safety, and overall economy, and which is compatible with the conduct of
4 official business. Guidance is provided in BLM Manual Section 1382, Travel, for transportation
5 in connection with official travel. Additional information can be found in IM OC 2014-009, Use
6 of the Prepaid Fuel Option and Global Positioning Satellites for Rental Cars. Guidance
7 concerning utilization of aircraft is located in BLM Manual Section 9400, Aviation Management.
8 Generally, the order of preference for transportation is as follows:

- 9 • Common carrier
- 10 • Government-owned
- 11 • Privately owned conveyance
- 12 • Rented (less than 60 days)
- 13 • Leased (60 days or more)
- 14 • Special conveyance

15 RENTAL CARS

16 Recognizing the challenges of navigating the multiple options around the country for incident
17 rental vehicles, the NWCG Incident Business Committee (IBC) sought to develop a single
18 procurement solution for off-road vehicles to be used on a nationwide basis for all NWCG
19 agencies. The National Emergency Rental Vehicle program (NERV) is the byproduct of two
20 Task Teams put together by the IBC. The first tasking was in 2016 to assess the feasibility of an
21 interagency national solution. After a positive response from the first tasking, the second tasking
22 was put together in 2017 to develop a procurement tool to acquire off-road rentals.

23 The team worked closely with the General Services Administration (GSA) to develop the
24 requirements and assess available procurement tools. The NERV program was solicited under
25 GSA's Rental Supplemental Vehicle Program (RSVP) and issued a Blanket Purchase Agreement
26 (BPA) to Enterprise Rent-a-Car. This BPA was piloted in four geographic areas in 2018. It is
27 becoming the national program in 2019.

28 The NERV program is designed as a tool to acquire off-road vehicles for incident use as well as
29 a method to obtain other rental vehicles for resources who do not have a means to rent them
30 through a travel card such as our casual hires or some state employees. All NERV rentals will be
31 billed to the government and does not offer an option for paying with a government travel card.

32 More information and a link to reserve a vehicle can be found at:

33 <https://sites.google.com/a/firenet.gov/nerv/home>

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1 **CHAPTER 4**
2 **WORKERS COMPENSATION**

3 Please refer to your local servicing HR office for questions on Workers Compensation.

4 **REFERENCES**

- 5 • Workers' Compensation Program (OWCP) <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/>
6 • Injury Compensation for Federal Employees Publication CA-810
7 <https://www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec/regs/compliance/DFECfolio/CA-810.pdf>
8 • Q&A About the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)
9 <https://www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec/regs/statutes/feca.htm>

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CHAPTER 5 CHARGE CARDS

REFERENCES

The BLM charge card manual is located at https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/uploads/mediacenter_blmpolicymanual1512.pdf.

TRAINING

Training for charge card holders with purchase, travel, fleet, emergency option set (Crew Chief) and uniform is available through DOI Learn. [Refer to State-specific direction for annual training requirements.](#)

Training modules for charge card holders are located at <https://chargecardtraining.ibc.doi.gov/>.

Personnel with purchasing authority that are not assigned to a buying team or other purchasing support position must obtain authorization from the incident agency or bureau and Finance/Administration Section Chief to use the government charge card and convenience checks on all incidents.

CARD RECONCILIATION DOCUMENTAION

Charge card adjustments for all incident charges will be made by the home organization (state, district, or field office). In order to pull the information needed from the FBMS, the following format is strongly recommended in the description field when entering charge card adjustments: home office code, first four letters of the last name, and the request number as indicated on the resource order in block 12 (i.e., a supply order would read AK HARP S140 or, for overhead, AZ JONE O235).

FIRE EMERGENCY CARD

There are three primary ways that meals could be purchased for others in support of an incident and they each have different documentation requirements.

- 1) Crew Chief:
 - The meal receipt must have a list of the crew members and which meal was provided (breakfast, lunch or dinner). Meals costs must also be within the local per diem rates.
- 2) An agreement with a local restaurant:
 - The agreement with a local restaurant to provide meals to crews supporting a local incident must have a list of people who received meals. Meals prices must be within the local per diem rates. The meals provided **cannot** include alcoholic beverages. There is an [optional form](#) that can be used to provide the required documentation. It records the meal type (breakfast, lunch, dinner), and how much each meal costs and it allows the crew boss of each crew to sign for receipt of the meals. If the optional form is not used, the same information must still be documented to support the purchase.

1 3) A buying team member or local purchaser who purchases meals that will be delivered
2 to an incident:

- 3 ○ Documentation required for buying team members or other personnel when
4 purchasing meals for an incident based on a resource order, does not require a
5 list of names of those who were fed. However a receipt of the purchase and a
6 copy of the resource order that requested the meal is required. In this situation,
7 there may be a large number of resources on an incident which could include
8 federal employees, state employees, local cooperators and contractors. Federal
9 employees shall deduct from their travel voucher, the appropriate rate for all
10 meals that are provided during the duration of the incident as per Federal
11 Travel Regulations. Home unit supervisors should also be aware of these
12 processes and policies.
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14 Due to the restrictions on certain merchant category codes (MCC) associated with the purchase
15 cards and Fire\Emergency Cards, buying team members must use a Fire\Emergency card as the
16 primary purchasing tool when purchasing meals for persons other than themselves. The
17 Fire\Emergency cards are accepted at more vendors than the purchase card, which will reduce
18 the chances of transactions being denied.
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- 20 ● Meals provided for fire support should meet the specifications identified by Montana
21 Technical Development Center, Eating for Health and Performance: *The Wildland*
22 *Firefighter*, to ensure firefighters have the capability and sustainability of meeting their
23 mission requirements. In order to meet these standards, it is often difficult to procure
24 meals at the allowable General Services Administration (GSA) meal rate. Meals may be
25 procured above this rate (reference Travel Regulation §301-11.300, “When is actual
26 expense reimbursement warranted?”). A Waiver approved by the State Director
27 according to the BLM Delegation of Authority Manual, MS-1203 (Subject 1382) is
28 required.

- 29 ○ Firefighting is a physically demanding occupation that may require 6,000 calories
30 (kilocalories) per day. Below are the basic guidelines for what should be included in
31 a firefighter lunch:

32 ● Lunches:

- 33 ○ A total of 2,000 to 2,500 kilocalories per lunch
34 ○ A macronutrient breakdown of 55- to 65-percent carbohydrates, 25- to 35-percent
35 fat, and 10- to 15-percent protein
36 ○ 10 to 14 food units per lunch (100 to 300 kilocalories per unit), including entrées,
37 drinks, fruits, energy bars, breads, and snacks

38 FIRE SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION

39 Supporting documentation is required whenever purchases are made in support of an emergency
40 incident. The table at the end of this chapter identifies appropriate charge card documentation.
41 Reference State-specific direction regarding charge card documentation retention, and uploading
42 requirements for electronic systems.
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SPLIT PURCHASES

Individual orders for items identified on a resource order are considered single orders and are treated as such when paying with a government charge card. A purchase is considered split if the cardholder intentionally divides up payment on the quantity of goods or services known to the cardholder at the point in time in which they're making the purchase, and the total cost of the purchase would have exceeded their procurement authority.

Offices with reoccurring purchases every year of the same commodity that exceed the micro-purchase level in total should give consideration during the pre-season to setting up an appropriate type of contract vehicle to ensure competitive pricing is obtained.

CREW SHIRTS

Reference(s):

- Reference Uniform Guidance
- Appropriations Law, Chapter 4, Availability of Appropriations: Purpose

See the uniform policy regarding procurement of crew specific apparel. The use of awards and gifts for distribution of crew shirts is not acceptable.

PURCHASE OF PROMOTIONAL ITEMS

Reference:

- [WO-IM 2012-123](#), Purchase of Promotional and Informational/Educational Items

In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13589, Promoting Efficient Spending, issued on November 9, 2011, and subsequent DOI policy on Restrictions on the Purchase of Promotional Items, issued on March 29, 2012, BLM Washington Office, state offices (SO), and centers may not acquire promotional items for internal or external use with appropriated, non-appropriated, or donated funds. This policy applies to purchases made through any means, including purchase order, charge card, convenience check or other procurement vehicles, and applies to any dollar amount.

This policy pertains to all tangible items and materials that are intended to promote the BLM or provide information about the BLM's mission, offices, and programs. This includes, but is not limited to: key chains, clothing (such as t-shirts, hats, vests, bandanas and other wearable items), bags, mugs, novelties, pins, coins, and mouse pads, or any material item that has the BLM name or emblem printed on it, pertains to a BLM message, or is intended to promote any facet of the BLM.

This policy does not apply to the following:

- Printed publications and other printed documents that are educational or informational in nature. For policy regarding printed publications, see IM 2011-029, which delegates

1 approval for printed publications to the WO Public Affairs Chief and the SO External
2 Affairs Chiefs.

- 3 • The purchase of uniform items for employees or volunteers as provided for in BLM
4 Manual Section 1103.15. Clothing and related items, as referenced above, that are
5 distributed as a promotional item, is not permitted.
- 6 • Non-monetary awards for employees and volunteers.
- 7 • The purchase of fire informational and educational items is allowed under the following
8 circumstances (see FA IM-2012-020, Change 1):
 - 9 ○ All fire education items must contain a clear fire prevention, safety, or mitigation
10 message or direct the recipient to a source for additional information, such as a web
11 or social media site. Items with just the BLM logo are not allowed. All Smokey
12 Bear materials are allowed, as Smokey's image IS the fire prevention/safety
13 message.
 - 14 ○ All purchases of fire education items should be cost-effective and follow
15 procurement guidelines that require a market analysis to achieve the best price.
 - 16 ○ All fire education items shall be purchased appropriately, tracked, and accounted for
17 according to Bureau guidelines. Offices should coordinate with their local
18 procurement and property personnel to ensure all applicable guidelines are followed.

19 Supervisors are responsible to approve, monitor, and ensure these requirements are followed for
20 all fire education and information items purchased with BLM funds.

21 CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

22 The Bureau of Land Management has IDIQ contracts in place for licensed Mental Health
23 Professionals, with demonstrated experience in trauma, to deliver services to the U.S. Forest
24 Service and Bureau of Land Management National Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)
25 program during CISM interventions for employees involved in critical incidents. The National
26 Inter-agency Fire Center Contracting Office has made the determination that these services are
27 considered Professional Services pursuant to FAR 22.11. Therefore, the micro purchase
28 threshold for these services is \$10,000 rather than the standard \$2,500 service level and maybe
29 paid utilizing the Government issued purchase card. Any requirement exceeding the \$10,000
30 threshold must be coordinated with the National CISM Coordinator to be processed by the
31 National Interagency Fire Center Contracting Office.

32 NON-MONETARY AWARDS

33 Reference:

- 34 • BLM IM 2016-066 dated April 5, 2016 updated BLM's policy on Non-Monetary
35 Awards. (<http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-500/directives/dir-16/wo-im-16.html>)
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37 Awards may not exceed the nominal value of \$50.00. Refer to state specific guidance for non-
38 monetary awards.

- 1 Approving officials shall exercise care in selecting an appropriate item for non-monetary
- 2 recognition to avoid the appearance or potential appearance of misuse of government funds.
- 3 Where appropriate, a non-monetary award item should contain the BLM or Departmental name,
- 4 logo, award title, and/or mission.

1 **FIREFIGHTER CHARGE CARD CHEAT SHEET**

PURCHASE CARD		
CATEGORY	LIMIT	EXAMPLES
All supplies, equipment, materials, goods	\$10,000	Office/Field Supplies Tools Books Fire Cache Items Office Equipment Subscriptions
Professional Services	\$10,000	Consultants
Non-Professional Services	\$2,500	Janitorial, Lawn, Plumbing, etc. Services
* \$30,000 monthly cycle limit		
* Cardholders will not intentionally abandon contracted vendors for non-contracted vendors with the higher single purchase limit.		

FLEET CARD		
CATEGORY	LIMIT	EXAMPLES
All supplies, equipment, materials, goods for assigned vehicles with I-Plates	\$10,000	Full replacement of tires (including incidental installation). Other supplies/materials
Routine Automobile Services	\$10,000	Repairs (approval may be required) and maintenance of Class 600 vehicles (i.e., fire engines/dozers) - WHEN NO LONG TERM CONTRACT (BPA)
	\$2,500	Maintenance of Government-owned vehicles, except Class 600 vehicles (i.e., fire engines/dozers) - WHEN NO LONG TERM CONTRACT (BPA) IS IN PLACE.
All other services	\$2,500	Repairs/Towing for Government-owned vehicles, except Class 600 vehicles WHEN A LONG TERM CONTRACT (BPA) IS IN PLACE.
* \$20,000 monthly cycle limit		
* Cardholders will not intentionally abandon contracted vendors for non-contracted vendors with the higher single purchase limit.		
* Any WCF transactions require WCF approval.		
* If a repair is due to an accident, driver must complete a DI-103		
*SERVICE VS. SUPPLY: If the intent is to fix/rebuild something that is broken - it is a service.		

FIRE EMERGENCY CARD (CREW CHIEF)		
CATEGORY	LIMIT	EXAMPLES
Meals and Lodging for person other than self	\$10,000	Meals and Lodging for a crew member without a travel charge card
Incident Meals/Lodging	\$10,000	In support of an incident
*NOTE: Incident purchases may be made with this card if the employee does not possess a regular purchase card (red). This card is not to be used for non-incident purchases, including ESR or Rx. * \$30,000 monthly cycle limit (for most)		

TRAVEL CARD		
CATEGORY	LIMIT	EXAMPLES
Relating to temporary duty status and means of getting there		Individual Lodging Individual Meals Parking Fees Concur Fees Baggage Fees Rental Car with fuel Conveyance (airfare, taxi, etc.)
*\$8,000 monthly cycle limit		

MOST COMMON BOCs	
211B	Concur Fees
211C	Commerical Airfare
211D	Lodging
211I	Baggage, Rental Car Fuel, Parking Fees
211R	Rental Car-while in Temporary Duty Travel
233L	Commercially Rented vehicle
252S	Tuition
252T	Training Registration Fees
258A	Meals/Lodging for specific person other than self (Crew Chief)
257D	Vehicle Repair/Maintenance
261A	Office Supplies
261M	Motor Vehicle Supplies
264A	Building Supplies
264B	Field Supplies
265F	Food and Beverage (for an incident)
265S	Safety Supplies
269F	Fleet Vehicle Fuel
269G	Non Vehicle Fuel

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BLM CHARGE CARD DOCUMENTATION FOR FIRE & ALL-HAZARD PURCHASES

INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL PAID WITH TRAVEL CARD	
Transaction	Supporting Documentation
Travel (hotel, transportation, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purpose, Place, Period of time ▪ Itemized Receipts ▪ Resource Order you were ordered under (O, E, C, A)
TRAVEL FOR OTHERS – FIRE EMERGENCY CARD (CREW CHIEF)	
Transaction	Supporting Documentation
Lodging (your own crew) Each individual with a travel charge card shall pay for their own lodging (see travel card section above).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order they were ordered under (O, E, C, A) ▪ Itemized Receipts – Each name must be listed
Lodging (for other than your own crew) For individuals without a Government Travel card only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order they were ordered under (O, E, C, A) ▪ Itemized Receipt – Each name must be listed
Meals procured for YOUR crew Each individual with a travel charge card must pay for their own meals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order they were ordered under (O, E, C, A) ▪ Itemized receipt, type of meal (B/L/D), Number of meals, List of names <p><i>Cost must stay with-in the meal allowance for each meal. Exceptions: see “Feeding the Firefighter”</i></p>
Meals Procured for an incident (local buying team) Meal Orders exceeding \$10,000 require a warranted CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized receipt – Date and type (B/L/D/S) of meals provided and signature of receipt ▪ Individual names not required for Meal Authorization Form containing details of order. <p><i>Cost for meals must stay with-in the allowance for each meal unless negotiated by a warranted Contracting Officer</i></p>
Incident Purchases (for those cardholders who do not possess a red purchase card)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized Receipt ▪ Waybill and/or signature of receipt (if applicable) <p>This card SHALL NOT be used for non-incident purchases, including ESR and Rx.</p>
PURCHASE CARD	
Transaction	Supporting Documentation
Purchases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized Receipt ▪ Waybill and/or signature of receipt (if applicable)

PURCHASE CARD (continued)	
Transaction	Supporting Documentation
IT Related – coordination with local unit IT is required (includes telecommunications and radio equipment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized Receipt ▪ Rental computers should be procured under the Forest Service BPA ▪ DI-105
Agency Provided Medical Care (APMC) <i>APMC should be the exception. Follow the guidelines in NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M# is required, serves as resource request number and is maintained by agency finance personnel. One number issued per medical incident ▪ Prescriptions require a Resource Order (S#) and itemized receipt with signature of receipt.
Commissary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized Receipt ▪ Employee name, crew/engine identifier ▪ Waybill, Commissary Issuance sheet, and/or signature of receipt
Government Issued Property, Lost or Damaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized Receipt ▪ Waybill and/or signature of receipt (if applicable) ▪ Property Loss or Damage Form with appropriate level of approval ▪ Return of damaged property to home unit may be required (accountable/trackable/sensitive items)
Personal Property, Lost or Damaged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Claim must be filed – DO NOT replace with purchase card ▪ DO NOT replace with purchase card or authorize an S#.
Property (accountable or sensitive) – new procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S#) ▪ Itemized Receipt ▪ DI-105 ▪ Items considered accountable and sensitive require coordination and proper approval from the local unit Property Staff
Rental Car Damage -DOD Contract -National Fire Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resource Order (S# or E#) ▪ Claim is filed and handled by the employee's home unit. ▪ Refer to the terms of the agreement.
Fuel – NOTE: VIPR contracted fuel vendors are required by their IBPA to accept charge cards when dispensing fuel at an incident. This direction applies only to those situations where a contract vendor is not available (i.e., enroute to a fire).	<p>Do Not Pay for Agency Fleet Fuel, Rental Car Fuel for your own rental (use travel card), or Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Fuel with Purchase Card</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final invoice will include an itemized list of all charges ▪ Fuel procured on behalf of a contractor will be deducted from their invoice if appropriate

CORPORATE CARD	
Transaction	Supporting Documentation
<p>BLM Corporate Card</p> <p><u>Fire Use</u>: Used to procure airline tickets for fire personnel during an incident. The corporate card is not to be used for rental cars, lodging or meals. <u>Non-Fire Use</u>: Used to procure airline tickets for employees who do not possess a government-issued travel card.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Order Number for each ticket • Itinerary for each ticket • Travel voucher (if available)

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CHAPTER 6 ACQUISITION

INCIDENT PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) state/field offices must process incident payments in accordance with the following procedures:

AGREEMENT IDENTIFICATION

Assign a document number to every agreement you establish or use. The BLM may utilize an agreement established by the state or federal agency (i.e. – USDA Forest Service) only if a federal contracting officer countersigns the agreement. An agreement document number is required on every incident payment package submitted for payment.

Attach a copy of any agreement pages that pertain specifically to the incident payment use invoice. Always send the first page(s) including signatures, page(s) listing equipment and work rates, and any other pages that include special provisions or amendments. The work rates on the invoice must match the work rates in the agreement. Please note: it is not necessary to send a copy of the entire agreement, as some are between 60 - 80 pages long.

INCIDENT NUMBER/COST CODE INFORMATION

Write complete BLM cost code information in block 19 of the Emergency Equipment Use Invoice.

You must include the cost center paying for the equipment (e.g. “LLAZ910000”), the Functional Area used (e.g. “LF2000000.HU0000”), the fire number(s) (e.g. “EU56”), and the Account Assignment in block 20. Use the following Account Assignments in the situations listed below:

- 6100.252Z0: Operator provided by contractor
- 6100.233L0: Operator provided by government (light equipment)
- 6100.233Q0: Operator provided by government (heavy equipment)
- 6100-269F0: Fuel purchased from a fuel vendors dispensing truck when included in the EERA.

Note: Incident payment invoices are non-referencing payments. It is not necessary to enter a miscellaneous obligation in FBMS.

VENDOR SIGNATURE ON THE INCIDENT PAYMENT INVOICE

A vendor and authorized federal agent’s signature is required for every invoice. The National Operations Center (NOC) cannot process the payment without these signatures. If the vendor is not available to sign, hold the invoice until the vendor can sign it. A facsimile signature is acceptable. Do not allow the vendor to backdate their signature.

Invoice statements are subject to the Prompt Pay Act, whereby interest accrues 30 days after the vendor signature date.

PAYMENT FOR THE FIRST AND LAST DAY ASSIGNED TO AN INCIDENT

Unless specified otherwise in the incident payment, follow the instructions below to calculate the guarantee,

i.e. the minimum payment owed to the vendor for equipment rental for time under hire. The “time under hire” begins when a vendor reports to a designated inspection site or when travel begins to the reporting location. “Time under hire” ends when travel to the point of hire is completed. Please do not confuse “time under hire” with operating time. For example, a dozer on a lowboy is under hire when traveling to the incident, even though the dozer is not being operated. The dozer is no longer under hire when it is returned to the point of hire.

Application of the guarantee is based on a calendar day (0001-2400 hours). The full guarantee is applied to equipment under hire for at least eight hours. One-half of the guarantee rates will apply when the equipment is under hire for less than eight hours.

1. For equipment hired at an hourly rate:

If you hire the equipment at any time before 4 p.m. (1600 hours) on the first day of an incident, the full guarantee, if included in the agreement, will apply for that day; as long as BLM keeps the equipment into the next day of the incident. If you hire the equipment after 4 p.m., the vendor should receive payment for either the actual hours worked or one-half of the guarantee, whichever is greater.

If you release the equipment at any time after 8 a.m. (0800 hours) on the last day of an incident, the full guarantee will apply for that day. This is because the equipment is under hire from 12:01 a.m. through 8 a.m., constituting a full eight hours for which the BLM must pay. If you release the equipment before 8 a.m. the vendor should receive payment for either the actual hours worked or one-half of the guarantee, whichever is greater.

2. For equipment hired at a daily rate:

If you hire the equipment at any time before 4 p.m. (1600 hours) on the first day of an incident, the full daily rate will apply for that day. If you hire the equipment after 4 p.m., the vendor should receive payment for one-half of the daily rate.

If you release the equipment at any time after 8 a.m. (0800 hours) on the last day of an incident, the full daily rate will apply for that day. If you release the equipment before 8 a.m., the vendor should receive payment for one-half of the daily rate.

3. When equipment is hired and released in the same calendar day, follow the rules that apply to an eight-hour day. For example, if the equipment is hired at an hourly rate but is hired for less than eight hours in one day, the vendor would receive payment for either the actual hours worked or one-half of the guarantee, whichever is greater. For equipment hired at a daily rate, the vendor would receive one-half of the daily rates if the equipment was under hire for less than eight hours.

- 1 4. Include the time/date of hire, location of hire, and release time on each invoice. The
2 time/date of hire in most cases, is the time and date that the resource begins travel to the
3 incident. The release time should include the estimated travel time to the point of hire. If
4 the resource is assigned to a new incident, the release time is when the resource is
5 released from the first incident; travel to the new incident is charged to the new incident.
6 Assignment to a new incident should be indicated on the shift ticket to prevent duplicate
7 payments. Clearly indicate on the shift tickets and the invoice whether the resource was
8 available (equipment down) or if time off was taken to meet work/rest requirements.

9 **CONTENTS OF INCIDENT PAYMENT PACKAGES**

10 The incident payment packages must include the following:

- 11 • Original Emergency Equipment invoice, OF-286, signed and dated by a vendor
12 representative (original or fax signature) and also signed and dated by a designated BLM
13 representative (original signature).
- 14 • Cost coding, agreement number, and incident order number included on the invoice.
- 15 • Original shift tickets, OF-297's, associated with the invoice.
- 16 • Copy of the agreement used (either VIPR/I-BPA or EERA), information on the
17 agreement must match information on the invoice and shift tickets.
- 18 • Fuel and oil issue documentation (OF-304 or record of issues), when applicable.
- 19 • Copies of work orders/repair orders, commissary issues, findings and determinations for
20 claims; and any other documents supporting additions or deductions to payments when
21 applicable.
- 22 • If changes are made to line amounts, include a calculator tape or spreadsheet to verify
23 totals.
- 24 • Copy of the Resource Order.

25 Further instructions:

- 26 • Do not use whiteout. Cross out errors and initial all corrections.
- 27 • For amendments to an originally submitted invoice identify that it is a supplemental
28 invoice.
- 29 • Indicate the mailing address and contact phone number of the state or field office
30 responsible for the payment package in Block 9 of Emergency Equipment invoice,
31 "Administrative Office for Payment".
- 32 • Verify that the information in Blocks 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, and 11 of the invoice matches the
33 agreement submitted.
- 34 • Verify that the rates on the invoice match the rates on the agreement.
- 35 • Verify that the line calculations and totals are correct.

36 **FINAL REVIEW OF THE INCIDENT PAYMENT AND LAND USE AGREEMENT PAYMENT PACKAGES**

- 37 1. Each state office should designate appropriate individual(s) to complete final review of
38 incident payment packages.

2. The final reviewer must sign and date invoice to indicate it has been reviewed, and include their printed name and contact information. The reviewer must also notify the vendor of any changes made to an invoice.

A helpful checklist has been created and can be found at:

https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/IB-new/FBMG_Group.html

Submit the payment package to:

BLM National Operations Center
Accounts Payable Fire Team Building 50,
Denver Federal Center PO Box 25047
Denver CO 80225-0047

FedEx Address:

Denver Federal Center
6th and Kipling Building 50
OC622 (Accounts Payable Fire Team)
Denver CO 80225-0047

Note: You may also use our interoffice blue envelopes, or manila envelopes. Address the package to the NOC Accounts Payable Fire Team, LLOC622100.

- The “Administrative Office for Payment” should retain a copy of the payment package sent to the NOC.
- If the NOC Accounts Payable Branch makes changes to an invoice, they will notify the State Office’s designated reviewer of these changes and will fax them a copy of the changed invoice. The reviewer will then notify the vendor of the changes made.

OBTAINING AUTOMATED CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION (ACH)/OTHER FORMS OF EMERGENCY PAYMENT

Pre-season: All vendors must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM); formerly (CCR) database, at <https://www.SAM.Gov>. Automated Clearinghouse (ACH) information is included as part of the vendor registration. Vendors cannot receive electronic payments until they are registered in SAM. Vendors who register in SAM are required to include direct deposit (ACH) information unless they have requested an ACH/EFT waiver. Remind your vendors to renew their registrations annually and to update necessary changes throughout the year. Any registrations that have lapsed in SAM automatically block the vendor for payment. There is no need to send in vendor requests for employees who are also working fire season. Our payroll records for them contain the same information required on the vendor request form.

Emergency Incidents: During emergencies, vendors who have not registered in SAM.Gov must provide a completed FBMS Vendor Request Form for ACH/ Direct Deposit (available through your CO), so that a vendor record can be created. This type of request is designed for one-time emergency payments. Vendors expecting to receive more than one payment should register in

1 SAM.Gov as soon as possible. If the vendor request form was not sent to us in advance, you may
2 attach the form to the vendors' payment. Only send the form once. It must be signed by the
3 vendor or it will be returned. This form should not be emailed as it contains personally
4 identifiable information (PII).

5 The Interior Business Center (IBC) Master Data Maintenance (MDM) is responsible for quality
6 control review of all changes. The IBC's servicing levels for vendor updates are 24 hours from
7 receipt of the Help Desk Ticket. Servicing levels for extreme emergencies are 2 hours.

8 Emergency updates require a signature from the Operations Section or Branch Chief.

9 EFT Waiver Requests: When extenuating circumstances exist, such as remote locations in
10 Alaska, language barrier, etc., a vendor may request an EFT waiver from electronic payments at
11 the time of hire to receive a check for payment. Please complete an EFT Waiver Request form.
12 It is a requirement that all EFT Waiver Request forms be sent to the Payment Automation
13 Manager office for approval. The estimated approval time is 2-3 weeks depending on
14 completeness and accuracy of the request. The FBMS Vendor Request Form should accompany
15 the EFT Waiver Request Form so that a new vendor account can be created.

16 The EFT Waiver Request forms; along with important information, may be found on the DOI
17 HUB at <https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/the-hub/waivers>

18 All vendor requests and updates will go through the NOC. The NOC contact is Robert
19 Stephenson at 303-236-6536. You may also call the vendor hot line at 1-877-480-9724.

20 Complete the form(s) and mail to:

21 Email: BLM_OC_Vendor_Requests@blm.gov

22 Regular mail:

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24 BLM NOC
25 Attention: Fire Team
26 Denver Federal Center, Building 50
27 P.O. Box 25047
28 Denver Colorado 80225-0047

29 Forms may also be faxed to:

30 303-236-2531

31 Attention: Vendor Requests

32 **PAYMENTS PROCESSED BY OTHER FINANCE OFFICES**

33 Many national and regional Forest Service agreements/contracts specify a mandatory payment
34 location, such as "Incident Financial Services"; therefore, when the "Special Provisions" block
35 on the agreement specifies a specific payment office, please send these payments to the
36 designated office. Do not send these payments to the NOC for processing.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FIRE TEAM CONTACTS:

Luana Pacheco	Fire Team Lead	303-236-1038
Deb Maier	Certifying Officer	303-236-3690
FAX	303-236-7135	

Incident Only EERAs must be signed by a warranted individual within their authority. The warrant must cover the duration of the incident. For agreements written for incidents that are later complexed, include supporting documentation to show which fires made up the complex.

RETARDANT PAYMENTS

The FS holds the retardant Blanket Purchasing Agreement (BPA) for retardant used for fire suppression. Forest Service Retardant Contracts (full service and bulk) and BPA's for wildland fire chemicals and mobile retardant bases are considered established sources for all federal wildland agencies. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/contracting/retardant/fob.htm>

Tanker bases need to ensure their retardant issue logs provide the following information for use in developing a PR when the vendor invoice is received:

- Number of gallons dispensed
- Cost per gallon
- Total cost
- FireCode

Upon receipt of retardant vendor invoice, a FBMS PR will be developed for that specific time period (e.g., July 1-15, 2010). Reconciliation will be done between the invoice and the tanker base logs to verify what is being billed. The fire codes from the tanker base log or the retardant resource orders will be used to fill out the accounting portion of the PR. (Note: WBS LFSP9990000 may be used on the PR to cover the invoice costs in cases where bulk retardant has been ordered. For example at the beginning of the fire season to be ready for the season and there are no current fires to utilize or in the instance where the office is creating journal vouchers to move actual retardant costs to the proper fire code.)

Once the procurement official has received the PR they will then develop a BPA call against the FS retardant BPA. The BPA call number will be provided to ICL for their official invoice request which is entered into the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP).

FBMS provides notification of SES requirements. Completion of the SES is critical to meeting prompt payment criteria.

The receiving official will complete one service entry sheet for each line item (each fire number) on the BPA call. Once this process is completed, the NOC processes the payment.

INCIDENT CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES AND PROCEDURES

The direction below provides clarification of warrant authorities.

SERVICE AND SUPPLY PLAN

Based on fire history and to the extent practical, offices are expected to establish a service and supply plan during the fire preseason that includes commonly used resources in the area. See SIIBM chapter 20, for guidance on this topic.

Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPA): It is recommended that BPAs be established for commonly ordered items (e.g., lodging, food, water, etc.) whenever possible.

LAND USE AGREEMENTS

Simplified acquisition procedures should be used to acquire the use of property or facilities for emergency incidents. Emergency incident agreements do not require special leasing authority ([FMR Part 102-7](#)). Procurement officials with warrant authority may enter into these agreements. Agreements must be negotiated and signed.

EMERGENCY INCIDENT PURCHASE ORDER

The CO shall promote competition to the *maximum extent possible*, requesting quotations from as many potential *sources, as practical*, under the circumstances. Files shall document competition and determination of price reasonableness.

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13.301 requires a procurement instrument be in place for orders over the micro purchase authority, including delivery and task orders, when the method of payment is by purchase card or convenience check; utilize the Emergency Incident Purchase Order, Form 1510-65. The following will be attached, when appropriate: terms and conditions required by the FAR, and statements of work shall be attached as appropriate; typical commercial item clauses suitable for most orders placed on incidents; and the Service Contract Act Wage Determination.

Refer to your state specific guidance regarding entering data into FPDS-NG. The process is no longer centralized in DC, but delegated to the state acquisition office.

NUMBERING SCHEME

Emergency Incident Purchase Orders shall be numbered as follows: 140LZZ19xxxxA to xxxxZ where ZZ is the State code, 19 is the fiscal year and xxxx are the last 4 digits of the charge card. The last alpha character represents each action. If there are more than 26 actions, the user will move to a 14-digit document number; i.e., 140LZZ19xxxxAA, xxxxAZ, xxxxBA, xxxxBZ, xxxxCA, xxxxCZ, etc.

CONVENIENCE CHECKS

Checks shall only be used in lieu of the purchase card if the vendor does not accept the card and one of the Debt Collection Improvement Act waivers applies. Please ensure that Internal

1 Revenue Service 1099 information is obtained and processed in accordance with the BLM
2 guidance.

3 **FEDERAL PROCUREMENT DATA SYSTEM-NEXT GENERATION (FPDS-NG) REPORTING**

4 If the vendor is registered in System for Award Management (SAM), report all transactions over
5 the micro purchase threshold via direct access to FPDS-NG (limited to select individuals). If the
6 vendor is not registered in SAM, encourage the vendor to register so they will be ready to do
7 business with the government in the future. If the vendor is still not registered at the time you are
8 reporting the action into FPDS-NG, use the Exception of Unusual and Compelling Need option
9 in SAM. Be sure your charge card file is documented per FAR 6.302-2.

10 **WARRANT AUTHORITIES**

11 Warranted COs whose warrants restrict service contracting to \$2,500 and construction
12 contracting to \$2,000, remain restricted to those levels. The EERAs requiring negotiated rates are
13 limited to the warrant level of the CO.

14 **DEBT COLLECTION IMPROVEMENT ACT**

15 Debt Collection Improvement Act
16 31 CFR 208
17 Waivers – Section 208.4

18 Payment by electronic funds transfer is not required in the following circumstances:

19 (a) Where an individual determines, in his or her sole discretion, that payment by electronic funds
20 transfer would impose a hardship due to a physical or mental disability or a geographic, language, or
21 literacy barrier, or would impose a financial hardship. In addition, the requirement to receive
22 payment by electronic funds transfer is automatically waived for all individuals who do not have an
23 account with a financial institution and who are eligible to open an ETA SM (the Treasury-
24 designated electronic transfer account made available by a federally-insured financial institution
25 acting as a financial agent under Sec. 208.5), until such date as the Secretary determines that the ETA
26 SM is available;

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28 (b) Where the political, financial, or communications infrastructure in a foreign country does not
29 support payment by electronic funds transfer;

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31 (c) Where the payment is to a recipient within an area designated by the President or an authorized
32 agency administrator as a disaster area. This waiver is limited to payments made within 120 days
33 after the disaster is declared;

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35 (d) Where either:

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37 (1) A military operation is designated by the Secretary of Defense in which uniformed
38 services undertake military actions against an enemy, or

39 (2) A call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services
40 is made during a war or national emergency declared by the President or Congress;

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2 (e) Where a threat may be posed to national security, the life or physical safety of any individual
3 may be endangered, or a law enforcement action may be compromised;
4 (f) Where the agency does not expect to make more than one payment to the same recipient within
5 a one-year period, i.e., the payment is non-recurring, and the cost of making the payment via
6 electronic funds transfer exceeds the cost of making the payment by check; and
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8 (g) Where an agency's need for goods and services is of such unusual and compelling urgency that
9 the Government would be seriously injured unless payment is made by a method other than
10 electronic funds transfer; or, where there is only one source for goods or services and the
11 Government would be seriously injured unless payment is made by a method other than electronic
12 funds transfer.

13 **DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR EMERGENCY WARRANTS**

- 14 • Certificate of Appointment (COA) authority allows for two types of warrants (standing
15 and emergency) to support wildland fire management and other designated
16 emergencies. To request one of these warrants, individuals should work through their
17 respective State Procurement Analysts. See the following link for more information.

18 [https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/doi-federal-acquisition-certification-and-](https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/doi-federal-acquisition-certification-and-programs/emergency-acquisition-coa)
19 [programs/emergency-acquisition-coa](https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/doi-federal-acquisition-certification-and-programs/emergency-acquisition-coa)

20 **TRAINING – AUTHORIZATION, AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF** 21 **TRAINING (SF-182)**

22 Local units can sign-up vendors for off the shelf training up to \$150,000 utilizing the SF-182.
23 Training above this amount should be signed by the appropriate contacting officer.

24 **REFERENCES**

- 25 • OPM Training and Policy Handbook ([https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/training-and-development/)
26 [oversight/training-and-development/](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/training-and-development/))

27 **PROCUREMENT OF TRAINING SERVICES**

28 Although the head of an agency has training procurement authority under [Title 5 USC Chapter](#)
29 [41](#), procurement of training in most agencies is governed by U.S. General Services
30 Administration regulations. An individual human resource development professional or manager
31 should consult the agency delegations of authority to determine what specific authorities he or
32 she has.

33 **USE OF THE TRAINING AUTHORIZATION FORM**

34 Agencies may use an authorized training form to procure and certify payment of training
35 expenses through government or non-government facilities. The form is certified by training
36 officials and supervisors, instead of the contracting officer, under a procedure negotiated by the

1 two offices and addressed in the agency's administrative directives. *Comp. Gen. B-210334 (July*
2 *14, 1983).*

3 Under typical negotiated procedures, the *Training Authorization Form (SF-182)*, is authorized
4 for use to obligate funds, contract for training, and certify payment of approved training expenses
5 under the following conditions:

- 6 • The training cost of a single training event, program, or instructional service does not
7 exceed the simplified acquisition process dollar limit established by U.S. General
8 Services Administration;
- 9 • The cost is of a fixed nature; i.e., price per student or price per course, program, or
10 service; and
- 11 • The program, course, or instructional service is off-the-shelf and no modification or
12 development resulting in increased cost to the government is needed to meet the
13 organization's needs.

14 The *Training Authorization Form* is also used for requesting, approving, and certifying payment
15 for attendance at meetings, conferences, seminars, and symposia where the primary purpose is to
16 train an employee to meet a performance improvement related need. The form is not used to
17 purchase general supplies, training equipment, or non-training services.

18 When an agency training course or program requires new design and development, the
19 authorized contracting officer contracts for the service on behalf of and as requested by the
20 responsible training or management official.

21 Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced the new SF-182 form entitled
22 “Authorization, Agreement, and Certification of Training.” The electronic SF-182 will enable
23 OPM to maintain consistency in collecting training data and will assist agencies in reporting
24 training requirements.

25 The electronic SF-182 form can be downloaded at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.asp>

CHAPTER 7 PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

SENSITIVE ITEMS

Sensitive Items are property that is identified by the BLM as requiring tighter controls because of that property's historic susceptibility to loss or theft. Bureau-Sensitive Items are system-controlled regardless of acquisition cost.

The following items having an acquisition cost less than \$5,000 must be entered into the FBMS.

- Firearms
- Radio, Portable
- Radio Mobile, encrypted/non-encrypted
- Radio base stations
- Night Vision Equipment
- Global Positioning System greater than \$500
- Theodolites
- Automated Data Processing Equipment (PCs, laptops, tablets, servers, CPUs)
- Assets requiring license plates
- Satellite Phones
- Universal Forensic Extraction Device (UFED)

EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT PERSONAL PROPERTY

National Operations Center IB 2013-019 - Employee Responsibility for Government Personal Property, http://teamspace/oc/sites/prog_rmfoia/Information%20Bulletins%20IB%202013/IB%200OC-2013-019.pdf, provides guidance to BLM employees regarding their personal responsibility and accountability for property entrusted to their care by the Federal Government.

MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT

Laptop computers, handheld computers, radios, cameras, cellular telephones, are especially susceptible to theft and should be stored in secured, locking cabinets or desks when not in use.

Laptops that are stored in docking stations need to be locked in the docking station or attached via a security cable. If secured cabinets are not available, your supervisor should contact the warehouse staff to determine if locking furniture is available, or contact the procurement staff to arrange acquisition of furniture necessary to provide security.

Custodial Officers need to:

- Always maintain pooled sensitive equipment in a locked cabinet and reissue it to other employees only on a receipt for property (DI-105).
- Never dispose of government property, no matter what method is used—trade-ins, donations, destruction, or sale—without property management authorization.
 - During an office move: Inventory all equipment they are responsible for, both before and after the move.
 - Occupying space with other agencies: If assigned to an office space under the control of another agency, take time to become familiar with the security policy of that office. Contact their supervisor if the office cannot provide the minimum safeguards outlined above.

When in the field: Inventory equipment frequently while using it to ensure that a loss has not occurred. If a loss occurs, notify your supervisor and take immediate steps to find the equipment. If you are using vest pockets to hold small field-going equipment, make sure that the pockets are secure.

When operating a government vehicle:

- Remain alert and fully aware of vehicle and road conditions. If you become drowsy, change drivers or take a break from driving for several minutes. If any drivers are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with a vehicle, take a few minutes before you start to find all controls and make all adjustments necessary.
- Allow yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go.
- **Always lock the vehicle when you park it.**

When leaving equipment in the vehicle:

- Use a locking truck box or car trunk.
- Place equipment out of sight behind or under the seat of locked vehicle (short-term only).
- Remove equipment from the vehicle if other employees are going to use the vehicle, or when leaving the vehicle with vendors.

When on official travel:

- Keep sensitive property with you whenever possible. Airlines and motels do not assume responsibility for lost or stolen valuables.
- Do not check sensitive equipment as baggage on airlines.
- If you must leave sensitive property in a motel room while you are out of the room, store the property out of sight.
- Use of security cables is strongly recommended.

USE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY RESTRICTED TO OFFICIAL PURPOSES

Reference: BLM Manual 1520 – Personal Property Management
(<http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-500/directives/dir-manu/1520.pdf>)

- No officer or employee of the BLM shall use or authorize the use of government property for other than official purposes (see 18 U.S.C. 641).
- Government property may be furnished for use by a contractor, grantee or cooperator only when specifically authorized within the written terms and conditions of a legally executed contract, grant, cooperative agreement, purchase order, or memorandum of understanding.
- Unauthorized use of government property is prohibited. Property may not be used in or moved to an employee's residence or other location not leased or rented by the government unless specific written authority is granted by the Accountable Property Officer (APO). The written authority will indicate the period of time the employee is authorized such use, and specify the termination date of the authorization. Such authorization will be granted only in instances when the employee is required to use property for official uses in the performance of assigned duties. This paragraph does not apply to field equipment needed and used for the performance of authorized work in the field, nor does this paragraph apply to property used for official purposes while the employee is in official and authorized travel status.
- Limited use policy: Limited personal use of government-owned or -leased computers, telephones, fax machines and non-color photocopiers within the office location is permissible during non-duty time only, as long as such use is not prohibited by the local supervisor, does not interfere with official business of the office, is not an otherwise prohibited activity, and the expense to the government is negligible. (See 410 DM 2, Limited Personal Use of Government Office Equipment and Library Collections, and the DOI Ethics Guide for DOI Employees)
- The policy set forth in 41 CFR 101-25.100, which permits the use of government property in emergency conditions which threaten loss of life or property, shall be followed in making determinations as to what constitutes official use under exceptional circumstances.

Employee-owned property may not be used in the performance of official duties. This policy is established to limit the possibility of tort claims against the government in the case of accident or injury caused by or related to the use of non-government property. The employee must be informed that the government cannot be held liable for loss or damage to such property before granting approval, unless such liability is defined by and assumed by the bureau/office in a written agreement which is signed by the Bureau Director. This authority is delegated to the state/center directors.

EMPLOYEE OBLIGATION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

All employees have a personal obligation for the proper use, care, security, and return of personal property entrusted to them, or under their control or direct supervision. Employees may be held financially liable for loss, damage, destruction, or theft of property items.

MANAGEMENT CONTROLS FOR GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

It is the policy of the BLM to maintain management controls for the systematic accountability, use and disposal of property assets. The APOs or CPOs may add additional management controls to minimize exposure to waste, fraud, and abuse, as they determine economical.

- Property should be kept to the minimum necessary to accomplish the mission. Property that is unassigned for use and is not available for immediate issue must not be warehoused for purposes other than immediate disposal.
- Available, excess, and surplus property is the first source of supply and must be used in lieu of acquisition of new property whenever possible.
- Detailed procedures regarding the acquisition process, establishment of accountability, and what types of property are Bureau-managed are found in the General Operation Procedures Guidebook (G-1520-1).

SYSTEM-CONTROLLED PROPERTY

System-controlled property must be recorded and controlled in a BLM property management system (FBMS). System-controlled property includes:

- All property with an original acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more (including capitalized and non-capitalized property).
- Property with a license plate, regardless of acquisition cost (e.g., trailers, motor vehicles, motor cycles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, etc.).
- All property leased for more than 60 days, regardless of acquisition cost.

LOCALLY-MANAGED PROPERTY

Locally-managed property has acquisition cost below the accountability threshold and has not been identified as either Bureau-controlled or sensitive. Locally-managed assets should not be entered into FBMS, but must be managed through local procedures, such as a Receipt for Property (DI-105). Several examples of locally-managed property are listed below. Additional categories may be identified by the APO.

- Property which, if lost or stolen, could result in security risks to BLM proprietary data (cell-phones, blackberries, flash drives, etc.)
- Property which, if lost or stolen, could result in security risks to BLM facilities (keys, card keys, identification badges, etc.)
- Property which could easily be converted to personal use (cameras, binoculars, GPS units, etc.)
- Property which has an intrinsic value to the BLM beyond its acquisition cost (antiques, artwork, etc.)

Locally-managed property, in addition to those listed above, can be identified by the local APO or CPO. Before identifying additional locally-managed property, consideration should be given to the value, the risk of loss, damage or theft, and the resources required to establish and maintain accountability for the property.

EXPENDABLE PROPERTY

Establishing accountability for expendable property is not required. The APOs/CPOs must insure that appropriate safeguards and controls are established at the operating office level to guard against excessive losses, excessive purchases when compared to program requirements, or use of property for other than official purposes. Local managers may choose to develop forms or spreadsheets to support planning, budgeting, and restocking effort for these items

INVENTORIES

All APOs must complete an inventory of all accountable property (system-controlled and locally-managed) every other year, with the exception of firearms, radios, and capitalized assets which are inventoried each fiscal year (reference changes in IM OC-2014-002) to verify that property is adequately safeguarded by cognizant employees/CPOs and to document unutilized, lost, damaged, or stolen assets. In addition, prior to separation (transfer, resignation, retirement, etc.) of an APO, CPO, or cognizant employee, an inventory of assets assigned to that individual must be performed and the accountability for those assets must be conveyed to another APO, CPO or cognizant employee. The written procedures necessary to accomplish inventories can be found in the BLM Guidebook G-1520-3.

INCIDENT PROCURED PROPERTY

At the end of an incident, all incident procured accountable property must be returned to the appropriate owner, e.g., incident agency or local, geographic, or national cache.

PROPERTY RECORDS

The BLM property records must capture transactions affecting BLM's investment in property by maintaining control of government-owned property, and provide documentation through property management reviews, audits and physical inventories. These assets must have a signed/dated DI-105, or like form, by the end user. The DI-105, or like form, must be initiated, signed/dated by the end user upon completion of the inventory for each fiscal year.

INTERNAL CONTROL REVIEWS (ICR)

In order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the prevention or prompt detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of assets, BLM is responsible for performing ICRs of asset management programs (real, property and fleet) on a regular basis.

As part of the process, corrective action plans are required to be developed, implemented, and tracked for deficiencies or weaknesses identified in the course of reviews/assessments.

Accountable offices are required to complete, within established timeframes, all actions that correct or resolve the deficiencies or weaknesses that were identified in review reports.

DISPOSAL PROCESS

The disposal of all non-expendable property assets (including system-managed and locally-managed) must be documented and approved in advance. The written procedures required to identify the best disposal method, document, submit and complete disposal transactions are found in the BLM Guidebook, G-1520-6. Excess and surplus property must be transferred or disposed of in a timely manner.

When disposing of used computer equipment, employees must follow the BLM Information Technology Security Handbook 1264-1 which sets procedures to sanitize, degaussing, wiping, or the physical destruction of this equipment.

RENTAL OR LOAN OF BUREAU-OWNED EQUIPMENT

Bureau-owned property may be rented or loaned to other government agencies or to individuals if documented in an agreement and whenever the purpose supports the BLM's mission. Rental or loan of bureau-owned property to individuals for non-government use or for a non-emergency situation is prohibited. Property reported as "available for disposal" must not be rented or lent.

GOVERNMENT PROPERTY PROVIDED TO A CONTRACTOR

Reference: Part 45 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations

Contractors are ordinarily required to furnish all property necessary to perform government contracts. Contracting officers provide property to contractors only when it is clearly demonstrated.

- To be in the government's best interest;
- That the overall benefit to the acquisition significantly outweighs the increased cost of administration, including ultimate property disposal;
- That providing the property does not substantially increase the government's assumption of risk; and
- That the government requirements cannot otherwise be met.

A government contractor, grantee or cooperator should never be provided government property unless the property is clearly identified and the responsibility for the government property is clearly defined in the contract, grant, or cooperative agreement.

IDENTIFICATION

Reference: G-1520-2: Receiving and Identification

CONTROLLED PROPERTY

Labels bearing the legend "United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management," and the inventory number is affixed to identify Bureau-held/owned property.

EXCEPTIONS

Inventory tags must not be affixed to BLM vehicles, motor equipment, and trailers. Use the Government (license plate) number as the inventory number. Because of size or other physical characteristics, some items may be more effectively marked with the inventory number by means other than the adhesive inventory tag; e.g., global positioning systems, radios, guns. In such cases, etching, durable paint, or permanent waterproof ink may be more appropriate, unless an exception is issued by the NOC for a locally procured inventory tag that is smaller.

LOCALLY MANAGED PROPERTY

Property that is considered easily pilferable or susceptible to conversion to private use will be controlled on a DI-105 or local database. A BLM triangle decal to identify the property as Bureau-owned must be placed in an easily viewed area. This includes such items as cameras, binoculars, Blackberries, etc.

FIRE TOOLS

Fire tools and other items carried in fire program asset records must be marked, at the time of receipt, as U.S. Government property using die stamp, brand, or stencil. Because these items may be issued to many agencies, it is not necessary to include the identification "BLM."

- All handle tools and similar items must be die stamped "US GOVT" on the metal, or branded lengthwise onto the painted area of the handle.
- Cots, sleeping bags, tents, etc., must be stenciled "US GOVT" in letters 1 to 2 inches high on the part of the article observed most readily when folded, rolled, or packed.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**STATE AND CENTER DIRECTOR**

State and center directors (NOC, NIFC and National Training Center [NTC]) are responsible for establishing internal property management programs and providing property management guidance and assistance to field offices, as appropriate. State and center directors are designated APOs for property located at each center or state office. The state or center director is also responsible for:

- Ensuring that adequate resources are available to ensure the adequacy of controls over the management of property within the state/center.
- Designating, in writing, in accordance with 410 DM 114-60.802, standing Board of Surveys (BOS) to review and make a determination of disposition and employee liability on incidents of loss, damage, destruction or theft of property.
- Designating, in writing, in accordance with 410 DM 114-60.802, when determined necessary, a special BOS to review and make a determination of disposition and employee liability regarding special incidents of loss, damage, destruction or theft (such as special circumstances require a board of specialized members, instances where the regular BOS is not able to perform their duty) of property.

STATE AND CENTER PROPERTY MANAGER

This individual is designated by the state/center director to manage the statewide and center property management program through effective communication, establishment of educational opportunities. Duties include:

- Providing on-site, telephone, and web direction as needed to enable the completion of annual inventories, and ensuring that local property managers receive the training necessary to accomplish their tasks.
- Monitoring and assisting local property managers in reporting property transactions (receiving, transfers, disposals, etc.) accurately and promptly.
- Ensuring that field, state office and center ROS is initiated within 30 days of the discovery of the loss, damage, destruction or theft of property, and that all necessary documentation is provided.
- Serving in an advisory capacity on the state office or center BOS.
- Reviewing all state and field office ROSs for completeness, correctness, and accuracy, and referring ROS to state office, NIFC, or NOC BOS for action, as necessary.
- Coordinating with the WO Branch of Engineering and Asset Management and NOC Branch of National Property and Support Programs to schedule and perform an ICR of property management in each state/center.

ACCOUNTABLE PROPERTY OFFICER (APO)

The APO is responsible for ensuring accountability of property located within the APO's jurisdiction. The APO accepts accountability for all of the assets in FBMS by completing Form 1520-9, Accountability Certificate. This form is completed upon arrival, after each inventory and before departure of an APO. The APO responsibility cannot be re-delegated below the levels identified below. The APOs are designated as follows:

- WO – Assistant Director, Business and Fiscal Resources.
- National Centers - NOC and NTC; Deputy Assistant Director, Law Enforcement; Deputy Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation (NIFC); and Alaska Fire Service Manager.
- State Offices - State Director.
- District Offices/Field Offices/National Monuments - district managers, field managers, and monument managers, as appropriate to the table of organization, in order to maximize local accountability and inventory accuracy.

The following is a listing of the APO responsibilities:

- To ensure that there are sufficient resources available to adequately manage the property portfolio within the office(s) under his/her control. This includes the designation of a local property manager to ensure that property is managed effectively.
- To take into consideration the life-cycle costs of property when making business decisions.
- To ensure that entire property portfolio is managed and tracked.
- To ensure that accurate and complete property records are maintained.
- To designate a CPO for all property in the portfolio.

- 1 • To ensure that all employees/contractors are aware of their roles and responsibilities
2 (including potential liability in cases of simple or gross negligence).
- 3 • Promptly establish, review and document the circumstances regarding loss, damage, or
4 theft of government property under the control of the APO.
- 5 • Designate a local survey officer and alternate to review and make recommendations
6 regarding employee liability in incidence of loss, damage or theft of property valued at
7 less than the capitalization threshold. A copy of the local survey officer designation
8 should be sent to the state office property manager.

9 **CUSTODIAL PROPERTY OFFICER**

10 The CPO is the local operating official who is responsible for ensuring individuals within their
11 area of responsibility acquire, maintain, and properly use property needed to perform their duties
12 and identify unneeded property for disposal. A CPO is normally the first-line supervisor, but is
13 sometimes designated by official responsibilities, such as contracting officers and contracting
14 officer's representatives in cases where government property is in the custody of contractors. A
15 CPO is appointed by the APO, and is identified in FBMS as a custodial property officer. A CPO
16 is responsible for:

- 17 • Ensuring employees under his/her jurisdiction are aware of their property management
18 responsibilities. This includes ensuring employees receive training before using
19 Government equipment (i.e., employees must receive special training before operating
20 heavy equipment or special-use vehicles) and that they have valid state licenses before
21 operation of vehicles or heavy equipment.
- 22 • Ensuring purchase card transactions of property that must be entered into FBMS are
23 reported to local property manager.
- 24 • Establishing accountability using a DI-105, Receipt for Property, or other local system
25 for locally-managed property that easily converts to personal use. The electronic DI-105
26 (E-form) should be used whenever possible.
- 27 • Completing annual inventory of items under his/her control.
- 28 • Ensuring that all property is used for official purposes only.
- 29 • Ensuring that all instances of loss, damage, or theft are immediately documented and
30 reported to the local property manager.

31 **PROPERTY CLERK**

32 A CPO may designate an individual in his/her organizational area of responsibility as a property
33 clerk to assist in fulfilling some of the responsibilities named above. Such a designation does not
34 eliminate or alleviate the CPO's responsibilities.

35 **EMPLOYEES/COGNIZANT EMPLOYEE**

36 All BLM employees have a personal obligation for the proper use, care, security, and return of
37 property entrusted to them, or under their control or direct supervision. Employees may be held
38 financially liable for loss, damage, destruction, or theft of property items. Property is assigned to
39 cognizant employees within the property records, whenever possible. Employees who use
40 property and who have been informed of their responsibilities for use, care and safeguarding of

1 their property via the signing of a DI-105, Receipt for Property (or similar document), are also
2 cognizant employees, even if the employee's name is not listed in the property system. An
3 employee who has taken and passed the Bureau-required defensive driving course, and has
4 supervisory authorization to drive a government vehicle, becomes a cognizant employee every
5 time he/she drives a government vehicle.

6 **A cognizant employee must, at a minimum:**

- 7 • Act responsibly regarding any property under his/her control. This includes adhering to
8 periodic directives regarding minimum standards for ensuring property accountability.
- 9 • Operate vehicles in compliance with all laws and regulations in the performance of
10 official business.
- 11 • Return unneeded property promptly.
- 12 • Use property safely, efficiently, and only for official purposes.
- 13 • Make a written report to the supervisor and the business manager in all cases of property
14 loss, damage, destruction, or theft.
- 15 • Any property that is damaged or destroyed should also be reported in the DOI SMIS) at
16 <https://www.smis.doi.gov/>.

17 **LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER**

18 This individual is designated by the APO and is responsible for the management of property.
19 Duties include:

- 20 • Reviewing purchase requisitions to establish correct commitment item in FBMS and
21 ensure that excess is the first source of supply.
- 22 • Determining supply levels are kept at the minimum necessary to support the Bureau's
23 mission.
- 24 • Ensuring survey actions are initiated within 30 days of the discovery of the loss, damage,
25 or theft of government property, and that all necessary documentation is provided.
- 26 • Ensuring property is disposed of promptly and in accordance with 41CFR 102.
- 27 • Following procedures as established in the Property Management Guidebooks G1520-1
28 (General Operating Procedures), G-1520-2 (Receiving and Identification), G-1520-3
29 (FBMS Inventories), G-1520-4 (Warehouses), G-1520-5 (Reports of Survey), and
30 G1520-6 (Personal Property Disposal).

31 **GOVERNMENT PURCHASE CARD HOLDER**

32 The cardholder is responsible for coordinating purchases of controlled property (i.e., capitalized,
33 system-controlled, locally-managed property, and software) with the local property manager to
34 ensure the controlled property is correctly entered into the property system. Approving officials
35 are responsible for validating that this coordination has been completed.

FLEET

Reference: MS-1525: Fleet Management (<http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-500/directives/dir-manu/1525.pdf>)

Reference: MS 1315 – Working Capital Fund (<https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/MS-1315%20Working%20Capital%20Fund.pdf>)

OFFICIAL USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR EQUIPMENT**Responsibilities**

All managers and employees entrusted with motor vehicles/equipment are responsible for the proper care, operation, maintenance, and protection of that vehicle/equipment. Employees are expected to operate a government vehicle with at least the same degree of care and diligence that they would exercise with their personal vehicle. The operator must remember that he/she is representing the BLM to the public. The use of government owned, rented, or leased motor vehicles/equipment for other than an official purpose, or the authorization of use for other than official purposes, is prohibited. It is the responsibility of the supervisor to ensure that, prior to allowing a government employee to operate a government vehicle, the operator is in possession of a valid state driver's license, and be qualified to operate the assigned equipment. Some offices have the ability, through the local Department of Motor Vehicles, to access employee driving records. It is strongly recommended that, when hiring a new employee for a position where driving a government vehicle will be a frequent requirement the driving record of the potential employee be checked. It is also recommended that the driving record be reviewed following any accident in which a Standard Form 91 is required, or in which law enforcement is contacted.

Statutory provisions require that any officer or employee of the government who willfully uses, or authorizes the use of any government owned or leased aircraft or motor vehicle/equipment for other than official purposes will be suspended, without compensation, for not less than one month, and will be suspended for a longer period or summarily removed from federal service if circumstances warrant it.

DOMICILE OF VEHICLES

See chapter 2 of the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations for current Domicile of Vehicle information.

PASSENGERS IN GOVERNMENT PROVIDED MOTOR VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT

Transportation of government or non-government personnel in extra space in a government owned, leased, rented, chartered, or privately owned motor vehicle or aircraft engaged in official business is limited to official passengers except unofficial passengers as provided below.

Official Passengers

The following are considered official passengers:

- 1 • Officers and employees of the federal government traveling on official business. This
2 includes BLM volunteers and temporary labor pool personnel hired for the benefit of the
3 government.
- 4 • Members of Congress and employees of congressional committees whose work relates to
5 DOI programs.
- 6 • Non-federal passengers when engaged in missions which relate to a DOI program such as
7 personnel of cooperating state, county, or local agencies; representatives of foreign
8 governments; contractors' representatives; advisory board members; conservation society
9 members; representatives of the news media; etc.

10 **Unofficial Passengers in Government Provided Motor Vehicles/Equipment**

11 Unofficial passengers are not authorized unless all of the following requirements are met:

- 12 • The entire trip is fully and solely justified by its official purpose.
- 13 • No additional expense to the government is involved.
- 14 • Government business is not delayed and no private profit seeking activities or
15 commercial dealings, other than normal consumer purchases, are involved.
- 16 • No circuitous routes are used.
- 17 • Unofficial passengers are approved by name in writing by the state director.

18 **Considerations for Transporting Unofficial Passengers**

19 Unofficial passengers are not prohibited by law. However, the following disadvantages must be
20 considered:

- 21 • Public criticism is often aroused by the appearance of imprudent incidental use of
22 vehicles.
- 23 • The personal convenience provided may be greater than the controlling official purpose
24 of the trip.
- 25 • If the unofficial passenger is injured, there is the risk of a tort claim against the
26 government, even if a waiver was signed by the passenger.

27 **Authorization to Approve Unofficial Passengers**

28 The following officials are delegated authority to approve transportation of unofficial passengers
29 in motor vehicles in accordance with criteria contained herein.

- 30 • State Director
- 31 • National Centers Directors

32 **Hitchhikers**

33 Picking up hitchhikers and giving rides to strangers is prohibited when operating government
34 owned, leased, or rental vehicles, or privately-owned motor vehicles engaged in official business.

35 **Use During Emergencies or Errands of Mercy**

36 Use of government-owned vehicles, including transport of unofficial passengers in the case of
37 emergencies such as natural disaster (storms, floods, etc.), need for medical attention, or other
38 errands of mercy, is not restricted. Individual employees are authorized to exercise their own
39 judgment in using or authorizing use to promptly assist in avoiding loss of life or property in

1 emergencies. Such use must be promptly reported through supervisory channels to the field
2 office managers or other appropriate office head. Use must be recorded on BLM Form 9240-1,
3 Search and Rescue Emergency Event Procedure Record, found in the back of the Operator's
4 Guide.

5 *Tort Claims*

6 Employees operating a POV on official business within the scope of their employment are
7 covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act. Civil suits against the employee in their individual
8 capacity are excluded, since injuries, damages, and losses by third parties become the basis for
9 tort actions against the United States. See BLM Manual Section 1386.

10 **ACCIDENT REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION**

11 **Accident Reporting Kits**

12 Accident Reporting Kits (GSA Form 1627 in GSA vehicles and Form DI-135, What Every
13 Driver Should Do in Case of Accident (envelope), in Bureau owned vehicles) in the Operator's
14 Guide provides the guidance and forms required in the event of an accident involving a
15 Government vehicle. Additional or replacement forms for kits should be ordered from the
16 Printed Materials Distribution Service (PMDS), NBC for BLM units, or the servicing
17 Interagency Fleet Management Center (IFMC) for GSA units.

18 **Contents**

19 Each kit will include the following:

- 20 • Standard Form 91, Operator's Report of Motor Vehicle Accident (2 copies).
- 21 • Standard Form 91A, Investigation Report of Motor Vehicle Accident (2 copies).
- 22 • Standard Form 94, Statement of Witness (2 copies).
- 23 • Form CA-1, Notice of Traumatic Injury and Claim for Continuation of Pay-
24 Compensation.
- 25 • Optional Form 26, Data Bearing Upon Scope of Employment of Motor Vehicle Operator
26 (2 copies).
- 27 • Form DI-134, Report of Accident/Incident.
- 28 • Form CA-11, When Injured at Work.

29 **Steps to be Taken by Operators in the event of an accident**

30 The operator must comply with the steps outlined in the Operator's Guide. These steps are
31 summarized below.

32 Actions:

- 33 • Stop immediately.
- 34 • Take steps to prevent another accident at the scene.
- 35 • Call a doctor or ambulance, if necessary.
- 36 • Notify state patrol, county sheriff, or municipal police/authorities, as required by law.
- 37 • Do not sign any paper or make any statement as to who was at fault (except to your
38 supervisor or to a federal government investigator).

- 1 • Obtain the necessary information to complete Standard Forms 91 and 94.
- 2 • Furnish your name, address, place of employment, name of your supervisor, and upon
- 3 request, show your operator's permit.
- 4 • If the vehicle is damaged, arrange for towing service to the nearest garage to determine
- 5 whether or not the vehicle can be operated safely.
- 6 • Complete Optional Form 26 as soon as possible, and if appropriate, Form CA-1.
- 7 • Notify the following persons immediately:
 - 8 ○ Your fleet manager, who will also contact the IFMC Manager, as appropriate for
 - 9 GSA units.
 - 10 ○ Your supervisor.
 - 11 ○ State, county, or municipal authorities, as required by law.
- 12 • Submit all reports and data to your supervisor within one working day. If the operator is
- 13 injured and cannot comply with the above requirements, the supervisor or other BLM
- 14 official must report the accident to the state, county, or municipal authorities; notify the
- 15 IFMC Manager, if a GSA vehicle, that assigned the vehicle as soon as possible after the
- 16 accident; and complete the Standard Forms 91 and 94.
- 17 • A Report of Survey/Certificate of Loss must be prepared in accordance with BLM
- 18 Guidebook G-1520-4.

19 **Investigating Vehicle Incident**

20 All vehicle collisions (regardless of the number of vehicles involved) will be investigated. Form
21 DI-134 must be completed for all incidents involving more than \$500 total estimated damage.
22 For other reporting requirements, see BLM Manual Sections 1524, Loss, Damage, or Theft, and
23 1112, Safety. The Investigator's Information Guide for Motor Vehicle Accidents is available as
24 Appendix 5 to BLM Manual Section 1112. That guide should be used by each BLM official
25 assigned to investigate a motor vehicle incident. Investigation reports must be furnished to the
26 IFMC Manager, if the vehicle was obtained from GSA.

27 Vehicle operators are precluded from operating government vehicles while under the influence
28 of drugs (that may impair judgment or reactions), or from consuming alcohol 24 hours prior to
29 driving/operating government vehicles/equipment. Furthermore, operators may not engage in
30 drinking, eating, operating cell phones or radios, or engaging in other functions that would
31 detract from their attention to performing safe driving practices. If it is determined that any of the
32 above listed actions were direct or indirect causes of the incident, the operator will be considered
33 negligent and possibly grossly negligent, in the cause of the incident.

34 **Damages Exceeding \$500**

35 Where property damage is estimated to be \$500 or more, or bodily injury is involved, the BLM
36 office employing the vehicle operator must investigate the incident within 48 hours after being
37 notified. Two copies of the complete report of investigation, including Standard Forms 91 and
38 91A, photographs, measurements, doctor's certificate of bodily injury, police report, driver's
39 statement, witnesses' statements, determinations, and any other pertinent data, must be furnished
40 to the local Property Specialist (for BLM vehicles) or the IFMC Manager (for GSA vehicles) as
41 soon as possible, but not later than two weeks following the date of the accident.

Utilization Objectives and Practices

The 1525-1 Fleet Management Handbook, clearly states under Utilization Objectives, that the cost of local vehicles may be the second largest controllable cost for a local manager. By managing this cost, local budget flexibility can be developed.

Neither the 1525 Fleet Manual nor the 1525-1 Fleet Management Handbook goes into great detail regarding the importance of accurate entry of monthly fleet utilization. Ensuring that proper accounting codes are being entered for monthly utilization, specifically ensuring that the exception codes are being entered when appropriate. Local budgets can be strongly impacted by the use of suppression exception codes when fleet vehicles are used in support of emergency incidents.

Responsible entry of monthly utilization records promotes the highest level of data integrity and ensures that accounting codes are accurate, and that suppression exception codes are entered when appropriate. This relieves local budgets of costs associated with emergency suppression use of fleet vehicles, captures true costs of specific incidents, and clearly establishes the use of fleet vehicles by utilization truth in coding.

Management reviews of fleet utilization records conducted at regular intervals will help ensure accurate coding, and reduce budget impact surprises.

BOARD OF SURVEY (BOS)

Reports of Survey (ROS)

Employees who were assigned property must promptly document all loss, damage, destruction or theft of property and provide a written report to the CPO/supervisor. The CPOs must submit documentation to the local property manager, who, in turn, prepares a ROS for APO approval. Refer to Interior Property Management Directive 410 DM 114-60.800 for further information regarding the ROS policy. Standard procedures must be used to determine gross negligence or simple negligence. The written procedures required to initiate, document, submit, review and approve ROSs are found in the BLM Guidebook, G-1520-5. Refer to Illustrations 1-4 of the BLM Guidebook for clarification of the correct processing of ROSs within the BLM. Any property that is damaged, or destroyed also should be reported in the DOI Safety Management Information System (SMIS) at <http://www.smis.doi.gov>.

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CHAPTER 8 FUND CODE HANDBOOK

CHAPTER PURPOSE

This chapter's purpose is to define the different pieces of BLM's cost structure and help direct staff in coding personnel time and expenditures correctly. Each piece of the fire fundcode handbook can be found at:

https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/OrangeBK/fundcode_pg.html

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

- List and define BLM's budget object codes to inform employees how to code expenditures to the proper spending groups.
- List and define BLM fire subactivities with examples of proper charges to each subactivity.
- Associate proper program elements to each fire subactivity.
- List all of BLM's program elements, not all are to be used with fire subactivities, but are listed on the identified websites for reference.

BUDGET OBJECT CLASS CODES AND DEFINITIONS

For the complete list please refer to web link above.

BLM SUBACTIVITY LIST

The subactivities below are BLM's fire subactivities. They are defined later in this chapter. For a complete list of BLM subactivities.

Fire subactivities:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>
LF1000000	Preparedness
LF2000000	Suppression
LF2100000	Severity
LF2200000	Emergency Stabilization
LF3100000	Hazardous Fuels WUI/Non-WUI
LF3200000	Burned Area Rehab
LF3300000	Fire Facilities
LF3400000	Joint Fire Science Projects
LF4600000	State Assist – Suppression Collections
LF4700000	State Assist – Preparedness Collections
LF5610000	State Assist – Suppression Spent
LF5710000	State Assist – Preparedness Spent
LF5810000	Training Publications Collection & Expenditure
LF6900000	Fire Program Fire Reimbursable

1	LF6910000	Fire Program All Risk Reimbursable
2	L53200000	Repair of Damaged Land – Trespass

3 PROGRAM ELEMENTS LIST

4 Program elements are used to identify the type of work that is being accomplished with the
5 funding that congress has given us. The program element is two digits that represent specific
6 workload and accomplishments. There are approximately 266 program elements at this time.

7 **BLM Fire Subactivity Definitions and Associated Commonly Used Program Elements**

8 A printable reference card can be found at

9 https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/OrangeBK/fundcode_pg.html.
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SUBACTIVITY: LF100 – WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS

(Project or Fire Number May be Required)

Includes all costs of planned and predictable fire and aviation management preparedness activities that occur in an average annual fire season as defined in approved State and Field Units Fire Management Plans (FMP). Excludes fuels management activities as described in subactivities LF310. A fire or project number is required when assigned to wildland fire operations activities (suppression operations, emergency stabilization, and hazardous fuels reduction).

Allowable activities under Preparedness include the following costs:

- The costs of hiring and training bureau personnel, including permanent, seasonal and temporary personnel;
- Salary costs for base 8 hours of regular fully funded fire preparedness employees, up to 40 hours per week, including when responding to wildfire suppression duties;
- Boot stipends for fire funded personnel;
- Prevention and detection activities;
- Operating and annual maintenance costs for support facilities;
- Purchase and contracting costs for equipment, aircraft, supplies, support, planning, and coordination;
- Purchase of capitalized, traceable, durable, and consumable equipment and supplies to outfit fire management personnel, including militia and emergency firefighters, for fire response (excludes fire stores procurement);
- Replacement of capitalized, traceable, and durable equipment and supplies that reach the end of their service life;
- Policy development and oversight;
- Aviation costs for exclusive use aircraft availability;
- Aviation flight hours and other use costs for pilot and crew currency requirements, training, or Preparedness related missions.
- Information management and decision support systems; and
- Predictive services costs.

This activity also includes the program management costs for the bureau's aviation management program. The operational costs of aviation activities are to be finance by the benefiting activity.

1 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS (PE)**

PE Code		Workload Measure
AM	Provide Rural Fire and Community Assistance	Communities Assisted
BG	Assess Other Hazards (Non-Hazmat or Abandoned Mine Lands [AML])	Verifications, Assessments, Evaluations Completed
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
DF	Plan for Interdisciplinary Activities	# New Revised Interdisciplinary Activity Plans Completed
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
HU	Manage Wildland Fire (Fire personnel Base-8 hours only) (Project # Mandatory)	# Acres
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments (Fire personnel Base-8 hours only) (Project # Mandatory)	Acres Rehabilitated
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas (Fire personnel Base-8 hours only) (Project # Mandatory)	Acres Stabilized
MI	Monitor Air Quality and Climatic Conditions	# Air Resources/ Climatological Stations
NU	Conduct Patrol Enforcement Activities	Incidents Reported
NV	Conduct Investigative Activities	Cases Cleared
NY	Conduct Emergency Response Activities (Fire personnel Base-8 hours only) (Project # Mandatory)	Incidents Resolved
NZ	Conduct Security Activities	Vulnerability Assessments
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None
XA	Plan and Develop IT Systems	None
XB	Provide IT Hardware/Software Installation, Upgrade and Training	None
XC	Implement and Maintain Communication Networks	None
XD	Provide IT Operations and Maintenance	None
XE	Provide Data Administration	None
XF	Ensure IT Security	None
XG	Provide Facilities and Space Management Services	None
XI	Process Payments, Billings and Collections	None
XK	Manage Procurement, Acquisition and Agreement Activities	None
XL	Provide Personnel Services	None
XM	Provide Employee Development and Training	None
XN	Administer Internal Civil Rights	None
XO	Provide Safety Program Services	None
XP	Conduct Management Analysis and Studies	None
XR	Provide IT Support	None
XT	Administer Employee and Labor Relations	None

PE Code		Workload Measure
XV	Manage and Support Radio	None
XW	Conduct Budget Formulation/Execution and Cost Management Activities	None
XX	Provide Strategic Leadership	None
XZ	Provide Personal Property, Vehicle Fleet Management Services and Other	None

SUBACTIVITY: LF200 – SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS

(Fire Number Required)

Includes all costs associated with the suppression of wildland fire. The BLM assigns a unique project code or FireCode for each wildland fire incident funded through the Suppression Operations program. Every office, when assigned to a single fire, utilizes the same FireCode within the WBS cost structure. The FireCode/WBS is used in the account coding for all charges against a specific incident, which may include the following examples: employee salary, supplies, equipment, travel, and contract costs. The majority of the costs for an incident are charged against a specific FireCode/WBS. There will likely be support costs which are not included. For example, the costs of overtime for national overhead operations, such as: Dispatch Centers, leadership and administrative support in general would not always be charged against each FireCode/WBS. These costs are generally charged to a FireCode/WBS that is more generic and covers multiple incidents.

The following is a description of types of costs associated with the suppression of wildfire and which are charged to the Suppression Operations program:

- Salary costs of firefighting and support personnel (excluding the first 8 hours of regular time each day, up to 40 hours per week for personnel normally coding to Preparedness), including overtime, hazard or environmental differential pay;
- Salary costs for all regular time and overtime for both firefighting and support personnel not normally coding salary to Preparedness;
- Travel costs associated with transporting personnel to and from an incident location;
- Logistical and subsistence support costs for all employees assigned to the fire;
- Support costs to hire emergency personnel known as Administratively Determined (AD) personnel: costs for fire boot stipends, and costs to attend emergency incident training in preparation for emergency situations
- Aircraft operations for use, and flight time for non-exclusive use air support;
- Aircraft operations for flight time for exclusive use air support;
- Replacement of consumable supplies and equipment (e.g. forms, canteens and other water and food containers, rope, batteries, medical supplies, fuel/oil, earplugs, files, flagging, gloves, goggles/safety glasses, pens, paper, boxes/cartons, and food) expended during fire suppression operations;
- Replacement of capitalized, traceable, durable, and expendable equipment lost or destroyed during fire suppression and covered by a board of survey or equivalent action;
- Contracts for goods and services, such as: water, ice, gasoline and diesel, caterers, shower units, laundry units to name a few;
- Rental of equipment and facilities, such as: a school or fair grounds for a fire camp, or rental of dozers, water trucks and similar equipment;

- 1 • Associated logistical support provided by Geographic Area Coordination Centers or
 - 2 Cache units or similar support units;
 - 3 • Compensation for injury and/or illness when firefighters need to be treated at an incident;
 - 4 • Measures taken to correct damages resulting from actions taken to suppress the wildfire;
 - 5 • Costs associated with investigation and review activities related to specific wildfires;
 - 6 • Costs of returning suppression equipment to a serviceable condition; and
- 7 Costs for the procurement of supplies and equipment for the fire stores that are managed by the
- 8 National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), the Billings Interagency Fire Cache, and the Alaska
- 9 Fire Service (AFS). The fire stores purchase items with Suppression funding in advance of the
- 10 incident. As the supplies are sent, the costs are moved to a specific incident FireCode/WBS.

11 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code		Workload Measure
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
HU	Manage Wildland Fire (Project # Mandatory)	# Acres
NJ	Process Surface Trespass/Unauthorized Occupancy Cases	Cases Processed
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF210 – SEVERITY**

2 (Project Number Required)

3 Includes costs for severity funding, which is the use of suppression funds for extraordinary
 4 preparedness activities that are required due to an abnormal increase in fire potential or danger,
 5 or to fire seasons that either start earlier or last longer than planned in the fire management plan.
 6 The objective of severity funding is to mitigate losses by improving suppression response
 7 capability. Use of severity funding requires justification, approval, pre-assigned fire numbers,
 8 and is subject to special constraints. Further clarification of appropriate and inappropriate uses of
 9 these funds may be found in chapter 10 of the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation
 10 Operations.

11 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code

HT Ensure Fire Preparedness

Workload Measure

Fire Mgmt Units

SUBACTIVITY: LF220 – EMERGENCY STABILIZATION

(Project Number Required)

Includes all costs associated with work to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources, to minimize threats to life and property resulting from the effects of a wildfire, or to repair/replace/construct physical improvements necessary to prevent degradation of land or resources. Emergency stabilization actions must be taken within one year following containment of a wildfire. Expenditures may be made to replace or repair minor facilities essential to public health and safety; prevent soil loss and erosion through seeding, drainage control, and protective fencing; protect critical habitat to prevent permanent impairment through seeding and plantings; assess damage to cultural resources and initiate actions to stabilize and mitigate cultural site damage; prevent establishment of invasive plants through seeding and integrated pest management activities; and monitoring activities for up to three years following the date of containment of the fire. Includes costs to plan, survey and design emergency measures to ensure stabilization of lands damaged by wildfire. Includes all cost of preparing Emergency Stabilization Plans and associated NEPA documents as appropriate. Plans whose total costs exceed \$100,000 require WO approval. All charges in this activity must be made to the fire number that caused the need. Further clarification of acceptable use of these funds may be found in the Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Handbook H-1742-1.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code		Workload Measure
BS	Inventory for Presence of Invasive and/or Noxious Weeds	Acres Inventoried
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
GU	Road Condition Assessment	Lane Miles
HF	Heritage Resources Stabilized, Managed and Protected	Properties Protected or Restored
HI	Prepare/Hold Wild Horses and Burros	# of Animal Days
IP	Road Annual Maintenance	Lane Miles Maintained
JB	Construct Shrub/Grass/PJ/Forest Projects	Projects Completed
JC	Maintain Shrub/Grass/PJ/Forest Projects	Projects Completed
JD	Apply Weed Treatments	Acres Treated
JJ	Gather/Remove Wild Horses and Burros	Animals Removed
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas	Acres Stabilized
MK	Evaluate Weed Treatments	Acres Evaluated
MZ	Monitor Post-Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehab Treatments	Acres Monitored
PH	Provide Program Support: Restore Health of Public Lands	None

SUBACTIVITY: LF310 – FUELS MANAGEMENT

(Project Number Required)

The Fuels Management program is responsible for removing or modifying vegetation to restore and maintain healthy, resilient landscapes; reducing wildfire risks to communities and other values; providing assistance to communities for education, planning, and treatments on adjacent non-federal lands; aiding in fire suppression, lessening post-wildfire damage; reducing smoke and emissions from wildfire; and reducing invasive species, and insects and disease. The Fuels Management program collaborates with adjacent landowners and land management agencies, and with other programs within the Bureau, to implement projects and treatments that remove or modify vegetation to achieve Fuels Management objectives and benefit wildlife habitat and other values.

The Fuels Management program includes all costs associated with planning, implementing, and supporting Fuels Management activities. Methods include prescribed fire and mechanical, biological, and chemical treatments. Associated activities include planning, inventory of fuel hazards, determination of appropriate fuel treatment methods, analysis of treatment alternatives, clearances, consultation, permitting, monitoring and evaluating fuel treatment accomplishments and providing community assistance.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code		Workload Measure
AM	Provide Rural Fire Community Assistance	Communities Assisted
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection (within WUI)	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
DF	Plan for Interdisciplinary Activities (outside WUI)	# New Revised Interdisciplinary Activity Plans Completed
HE	Biomass Utilization	Green Tons
JM	Implement Fuels Treatments by Fire Outside the WUI	Acres Treated
JQ	Implement Fuels Treatments Mechanically Outside the WUI	Acres Treated
JR	Implement Fuels Treatments by Other Means (outside WUI)	Acres Treated
JT	Reduce Fuels Mechanically WUI	Acres Treated
JU	Reduce Hazardous Fuels Other WUI	Acres Treated
JW	Implement Fuels Treatments by Fire Within WUI	Acres Treated
LC	Monitor Fuels Treatment in WUI	Acres Monitored
MT	Monitor Fuels Treatment outside WUI	Acres Monitored
PH	Provide Program Support: Restore Health of Public Lands (outside WUI)	None
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property (inside WUI)	None
XA	Plan and Develop IT Systems	None
XB	Provide IT Hardware/Software Installation, Upgrade and Training	None
XC	Implement and Maintain Communication Networks	None
XD	Provide IT Operations and Maintenance	None

PE Code		Workload Measure
XE	Provide Data Administration	None
XF	Ensure IT Security	None
XG	Provide Facilities and Space Management Services	None
XI	Process Payments, Billings and Collections	None
XK	Manage Procurement, Acquisition and Agreement Activities	None
XL	Provide Personnel Services	None
XM	Provide Employee Development and Training	None
XN	Administer Internal Civil Rights	None
XO	Provide Safety Program Services	None
XP	Conduct Management Analysis and Studies	None
XR	Provide IT Support	None
XT	Administer Employee and Labor Relations	None
XV	Manage and Support Radio	None
XW	Conduct Budget Formulation/Execution and Cost Management Activities	None
XX	Provide Strategic Leadership	None
XZ	Provide Personal Property, Vehicle Fleet Management Services and Other	None

SUBACTIVITY: LF320 – BURNED AREA REHABILITATION

(Project Number Required)

Burned Area Rehabilitation provides funds for efforts undertaken within three years of containment of a wildland fire to repair or improve fire- damaged lands unlikely to recover naturally to management approved conditions, or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by fire. Includes cost necessary to restore and maintain proper function to watersheds, landscapes, and wildlife habitat by such action as reseeding with native (preferred) and non-native plants and invasive species control and management. Also includes the cost to repair or replace minor operating facilities and cost of monitoring up to three years from the date of fire containment. All Burned Area Rehabilitation projects require an approved Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan. Plans and funding are approved at the national office. All charges in this activity must be made to the fire number that caused the need. Further clarification of acceptable use of these funds may be found in the Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Handbook H-1742-1.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code		Workload Measure
BS	Inventory for Presence of Invasive and/or Noxious Weeds	Acres Inventoried
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
GU	Road Condition Assessment	Lane Miles
HF	Heritage Resources Stabilized, Managed and Protected	# Properties
HI	Prepare/Hold Wild Horses and Burros	# Animal Days for all Animals Held or Born in a Facility
IP	Road Annual Maintenance	Lane Miles Maintained
JB	Construct Shrub/Grass/PJ/Forest Projects	Projects Completed
JC	Maintain Shrub/Grass/PJ/Forest Projects	Projects Completed
JD	Apply Weed Treatments	Acres Treated
JJ	Gather/Remove Wild Horses and Burros	Animals Removed
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Rehabilitated
MK	Evaluate Weed Treatments	Acres Evaluated
MZ	Monitor Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Monitored
PH	Provide Program Support: Restore Health of Public Lands	None

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF330 – FIRE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL**
 2 **IMPROVEMENT**

3 (Project Number Required)

4 Includes all costs of for fire facilities deferred maintenance and capital improvement construction
 5 funded through line item appropriation. Covers expenditures related to architectural and
 6 engineering design, site preparation, construction, contract administration, and other site
 7 development and improvements.

8 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code

IB Facilities Deferred Maintenance and Construction

Workload Measure

Square Feet

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF340 – JOINT FIRE SCIENCE**

2 The Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) direction consists of four principal purposes: fuels
 3 inventory and mapping; evaluation of fuels treatments; scheduling of fuels treatments; and
 4 monitoring and stabilization. The JFSP provides funding for applied research for wildland fuels
 5 and fire.

6 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code		Workload Measure
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	#Fire Mgmt Units
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Rehabilitated
JM	Implement Fuels Treatments by Fire Outside the WUI	Acres Treated
JQ	Implement Fuels Treatments Mechanically Outside the WUI	Acres Treated
JR	Implement Fuels Treatments by Other Means	Acres Treated
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas	Acres Stabilized
JT	Reduce Fuels Mechanically WUI	Acres Treated
JU	Reduce Hazardous Fuels Other WUI	Acres Treated
JW	Implement Fuels Treatments by Fire Within WUI	Acres Treated
LC	Monitor Fuels Treatment within WUI	Acres Monitored
MT	Monitor Fuels Treatment (outside WUI)	Acres Monitored
MZ	Monitor Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Monitored

SUBACTIVITY: LF460 – SUPPRESSION ASSISTANCE COLLECTIONS

(Project Number Required)

This subactivity serves as a collection account for funds collected as reimbursement for suppression assistance provided to states. Collections are distributed between LF460 (Suppression) and LF470 (Preparedness) based on the ten-year average ratio of Suppression (LF200) to Preparedness (LF100) expenditures. The current ratio to be utilized for all deposits is 55 percent Suppression and 45 percent Preparedness. Subactivity LF460 is the collection account for the Suppression portion of a collection. These funds are moved into the Protection Assistance Expenditures-Suppression (LF561) subactivity the year after collection.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code	Workload Measure
RD Collections Only	None

NO EXPENDITURES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THIS ACCOUNT

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF470 – PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE COLLECTIONS**

2 (Project Number Required)

3 This subactivity serves as a collection account for funds collected as reimbursement for
 4 preparedness assistance provided to states. Collections are distributed between LF460
 5 (Suppression) and LF470 (Preparedness) based on the ten year average ratio of Suppression
 6 (LF200) to Preparedness (LF100) expenditures. The current ratio to be utilized for all deposits is
 7 55 percent Suppression and 45 percent Preparedness. Subactivity LF470 is the collection
 8 account for the Preparedness portion of a collection. These funds are moved into the Protection
 9 Assistance Expenditures-Preparedness (LF571) subactivity the year after collection.

10 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code		Workload Measure
RD	Collections Only	None

11 ***NO EXPENDITURES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THIS ACCOUNT***

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF561 – FIRE ASSISTANCE REIMBURSABLE - SUPPRESSION**

2 (Project Number Required)

3 Expenditures may be used to cover what normally would be charged to Suppression (LF200). A
 4 project number is mandatory and is assigned by Fire and Aviation (FA). Control and approval of
 5 expenditures from the LF561 account is held by FA.

6 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code		Workload Measure
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
HU	Manage Wildland Fire (Project # Mandatory)	# Acres
NJ	Process Trespass/Unauthorized Occupancy Cases	Cases Processed
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

SUBACTIVITY: LF571 – FIRE ASSISTANCE REIMBURSABLE - PREPAREDNESS

(Project or Fire Number May be Required)

Expenditures may be used to cover what normally would be charged to Preparedness (LF100). Fifty percent of a state's LF4700000 collection dollars will be returned to the state as part of the Annual Work Plan (AWP) process. Funds collected in the current budget year are typically distributed the following budget year. The remaining LF4700000 collection amount will be targeted to bureau-wide fire projects. States with carryover amounts exceeding ten percent of their base Preparedness allocation may be excluded from additional corporately spread funds. These funds may be used only for non-recurring contracts, interagency activities, labor, and one-time purchases not requiring continued monetary commitment beyond the level of the current preparedness base budget.

A fire or project number is required when assigned to wildland fire operations activities (suppression operations, emergency stabilization, and hazardous fuels reduction).

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code		Workload Measure
AM	Provide Rural Fire and Community Assistance	Communities Assisted
BG	Assess Other Hazards (Non-Hazmat or AML)	Verifications, Assessments, Evaluations Completed
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
DF	Plan for Interdisciplinary Activities	# New Revised Activity Interdisciplinary Activity Plans Completed
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
HU	Manage Wildland Fire (Project # Mandatory)	# Acres
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments (Project # Mandatory)	Acres Rehabilitated
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas (Project # Mandatory)	Acres Stabilized
MI	Monitor Air Quality and Climatic Conditions	# Air Resources/ Climatological Stations
NU	Conduct Patrol Enforcement Activities	Incidents Reported
NV	Conduct Investigative Activities	Cases Cleared
NY	Conduct Emergency Response Activities (Project # Mandatory)	Incidents Resolved
NZ	Conduct Security Activities	Vulnerability Assessments
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF581 – TRAINING PUBLICATIONS**

2 (Project Number Required)

3 All revenues received from other government agencies or entities for training and publications
 4 provide under the fire program are deposited in this subactivity. This subactivity is also used for
 5 all expenditures related to training and publications material provided by the fire program to
 6 other government agencies or entities.

7 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code

HT Ensure Fire Preparedness

Workload Measure

Fire Mgmt Units

SUBACTIVITY: LF690 – FIRE PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENTS

(Project Number Required)

Covers funds received from other government agencies or entities for services provided under fire program reimbursable agreements. These funds may be used for fire activities authorized within the scope of the agreement. If these funds are used to purchase equipment or facilities, the reimbursing agency must concur with use and ownership of the equipment and/or facilities. This subactivity requires a formal reimbursable agreement with an obligating document from the agency requesting services and a project number to be established by the NOC.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code		Workload Measure
AM	Provide Rural Fire Community Assistance	Communities Assisted
BL	Collect Digital Cadastral Data	# Townships
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
DF	Plan for Interdisciplinary Activities	# New Revised Activity Interdisciplinary Activity Plans Completed
HG	Adopt Wild Horses and Burros	Animals Adopted
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
HU	Manage Wildland Fire (Project # Mandatory)	# Acres
HY	Patent Alaska Native Corp Conveyances	Acres Patented
JH	Construct Lake/Wetland/Stream/Riparian Projects	Projects Completed
JI	Maintain Lake/Wetland/Stream/Riparian Projects	Projects Completed
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Rehabilitated
JM	Implement Fuels Treatments by Fire Outside the WUI	Acres Treated
JP	Implement Species Recover/Conservation Actions	Actions Performed
JQ	Implement Fuels Treatments Mechanically Outside the WUI	Acres Treated
JR	Implement Fuels Treatments by Other Means (outside WUI)	Acres Treated
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas	Acres Stabilized
JT	Reduce Fuels Mechanically WUI	Acres Treated
JU	Reduce Hazardous Fuels Other WUI	Acres Treated
JW	Implement Fuels Treatments by Fire Within WUI	Acres Treated
MY	Heritage Resources Monitored	Localities Monitored
NJ	Process Trespass/Unauthorized Occupancy Cases	Cases Processed
NU	Conduct Patrol Enforcement Activities	Incidents Reported
NV	Conduct Non Drug Investigative Activities	Cases Cleared
NY	Conduct Emergency Response Activities (Fire personnel Base-8 hours only) (Project # Mandatory)	Incidents Resolved
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

1 **SUBACTIVITY: LF691 – ALL-RISK REIMBURSEMENTS**

2 (Project Number Required)

3 Covers funds received from other government agencies or entities for services provided under all
 4 risk reimbursable agreements. These funds may be used for all risk activities authorized within
 5 the scope of the agreement. If these funds are used to purchase equipment or facilities, the
 6 reimbursing agency must concur with use and ownership of the equipment and/or facilities. This
 7 subactivity requires formal reimbursable agreement with an obligating document from the
 8 agency requesting services and a project number to be established by the NOC.

9 **COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS**

PE Code		Workload Measure
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
NY	Conduct Emergency Response Activities (Project # Mandatory)	Incidents Resolved
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

SUBACTIVITY: L5310 – REPAIR OF DAMAGED LANDS (O&C)

(Requires Project Number)

Includes all costs associated with funds from performance bond forfeitures or contract claim settlements made available through appropriation under 305 of FLPMA (43 USC 1735) for expenses incurred in repairing, rehabilitating, or protecting Oregon and California (O&C) or Coos Bay Wagon Road (CBWR) lands damaged or imperiled by actions of the bonded parties. Also includes all costs collected through fire trespass actions for the reimbursement of damages, suppression cost, and emergency stabilization and burned area rehabilitation costs related to O&C or CBWR lands impacted by human-caused wildland fires. Fire trespass collections and expenditures must include use of the state designated office code and the specific project number LVDOFIRE0000.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

(Not Restricted to These)

PE Code		Workload Measure
AL	Provide Outreach through Interpretation and Environmental Education	Programs/Events Delivered
AM	Provide Rural Fire Community Assistance	Communities Assisted
BF	Assess Hazmat Sites	Site Verifications, Assessments, Evaluations Completed
BG	Assess Other Hazards (Non-Hazard or AML)	Verifications, Assessments, Evaluations Completed
BH	Inventory Abandoned Mine Land Sites	Sites Inventoried
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
DF	Plan for Interdisciplinary Activities	# New Revised Activity Interdisciplinary Activity Plans Completed
GS	Administrative Site Non-Building Condition Assessment	Non-Building Assets Assessed
GT	Recreation Site Non-Building Condition Assessment	Recreation Sites Assessed
GV	Administrative Site Building Condition Assessment	Square Feet
GY	Trail Condition Assessment	Miles
GZ	Recreation Site Building Condition Assessment	Square Feet
HD	Manage Forest and Woodland Commercial Sales	Acres Managed
HF	Restore and Protect Cultural/Paleo Properties	Properties Protected/Restored
HL	Apply Commercial Forest and Woodland Management	Acres Restored/Developed
HO	Respond to Hazmat Risk Sites	Actions Completed
HP	Remediate AML Physical Safety Hazards	Sites Remediated

PE Code		Workload Measure
HQ	Mitigate Other Hazards	Sites Mitigated
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
IA	Recreation Site Annual Maintenance	Square Feet
IB	Recreation Site Deferred Maintenance	Square Feet
IC	Recreation Site Construction	Square Feet
ID	Trail Annual Maintenance	Miles
IE	Trail Deferred Maintenance	Miles
IF	Trail Construction	Miles
IM	Administrative Site Annual Maintenance	Square Feet
IN	Administrative Site Deferred Maintenance	Square Feet
IO	Administrative Site Building Construction	Square Feet
IP	Road Annual Maintenance	Lane Miles Maintained
IQ	Road Deferred Maintenance	Lane Miles
IR	Road Construction	Lane Miles
IU	Recreation Site Non-Building Annual Maintenance	Recreation Sites Maintained
IV	Recreation Site Non-Building Deferred Maintenance	Recreation Sites Improved
IW	Recreation Site Non-Building Construction	New Non-Building Assets Constructed
IX	Administrative Site Non-Building Deferred Maintenance	Administrative Sites Improved
IY	Administrative Site Non-Building Annual Maintenance	Assets Maintained
IZ	Administrative Site Non-Building Construction	Non-Building Assets Constructed
JK	Implement AML Projects to Restore Water Quality	Acres of Completed Remediation
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Rehabilitated
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas	Acres Stabilized
MG	Monitor and Maintain Hazmat & NRDAR Sites	Sites where Monitoring Actions are Completed
NP	Evaluate Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) for Cost Avoidance/Recovery	Actions Completed
NQ	Process Hazmat cost Avoidance/Recovery Cases	Cases Referred
PH	Provide Program Support: Restore Health of Public Lands	None
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

SUBACTIVITY: L5320 – REPAIR OF DAMAGED LANDS, PUBLIC DOMAIN

(Requires Project Number)

Includes all costs associated with funds from performance bond forfeitures or contract claim settlements made available through appropriation under 305 of FLPMA (43 USC 1735) for expenses incurred in repairing, rehabilitating, or protecting public lands (other than O&C or CBWR) damaged or imperiled by actions of the bonded parties. Also includes all costs collected through fire trespass actions for the reimbursement of damages, suppression cost, and emergency stabilization and burned area rehabilitation costs related to public lands (other than O&C or CBWR Lands) impacted by human-caused wildland fires. Fire trespass collections and expenditures must include use of the state designated office code and the state specific project number LVDPFIREXX00, where XX is the state identifier.

COMMONLY USED PROGRAM ELEMENTS

PE Code		Workload Measure
AL	Provide Outreach through Interpretation and Environmental Education	Programs/Events Delivered
AM	Provide Rural Fire Community Assistance	Communities Assisted
BF	Assess Hazmat Sites	Site Verifications, Assessments, Evaluations Completed
DD	Plan for Public Health/Safety and Property Protection	New Revised Activity Plans Completed
GS	Administrative Site Non-Building Condition Assessment	Non-Building Assets Assessed
GT	Recreation Site Non-Building Condition Assessment	Recreation Sites Assessed
GU	Road Condition Assessment	Lane Miles
GV	Administrative Site Building Condition Assessment	Square Feet
GY	Trail Condition Assessment	Miles
GZ	Recreation Site Building Condition Assessment	Square Feet
HD	Manage Forest and Woodland Commercial Sales	Acres Managed
HF	Restore and Protect Cultural/Paleo Properties	Properties Protected/Restored
HO	Respond to Hazmat Risk Sites	Actions Completed
HP	Remediate AML Physical Safety Hazards	Sites Remediated
HQ	Mitigate Other Hazards	Sites Mitigated
HT	Ensure Fire Preparedness	# Fire Mgmt Units
IA	Recreation Site Annual Maintenance	Square Feet
IB	Recreation Site Deferred Maintenance	Square Feet
IC	Recreation Site Construction	Square Feet
ID	Trail Annual Maintenance	Miles
IE	Trail Deferred Maintenance	Miles
IF	Trail Construction	Miles
IM	Administrative Site Annual Maintenance	Square Feet
IN	Administrative Site Deferred Maintenance	Square Feet

PE Code		Workload Measure
IO	Administrative Site Building Construction	Square Feet
IP	Road Annual Maintenance	Lane Miles Maintained
IQ	Road Deferred Maintenance	Lane Miles
IR	Road Construction	Lane Miles
IU	Recreation Site Non-Building Annual Maintenance	Recreation Sites Maintained
IV	Recreation Site Non-Building Deferred Maintenance	Recreation Sites Improved
IW	Recreation Site Non-Building Construction	New Non-Building Assets Constructed
IX	Administrative Site Non-Building Deferred Maintenance	Administrative Sites Improved
IY	Administrative Site Non-Building Annual Maintenance	Assets Maintained
IZ	Administrative Site Non-Building Construction	Non-Building Assets Constructed
JD	Apply Weed Treatments	Acres
JK	Implement AML Projects to Restore Water Quality	Acres of Completed Remediation
JL	Apply Fire Rehab Treatments	Acres Rehabilitated
JS	Stabilize Burned Areas	Acres Stabilized
MG	Monitor and Maintain Hazmat & NRDAR Sites	Sites where Monitoring Actions are Completed
NJ	Process Trespass/Unauthorized Occupancy Cases	Cases Processed
NP	Evaluate PRP's for Cost Avoidance/Recovery	Actions Completed
NQ	Process Hazmat cost Avoidance/Recovery Cases	Cases Referred
PH	Provide Program Support: Restore Health of Public Lands	None
PN	Provide Program Support: Protection of Lives, Resources, and Property	None

1 **BLM ORGANIZATION CODES**

2 A list of BLM organizational codes can be found at:

3 https://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/Reference_docs/Incident%20Business/OrangeBK/fundcode_pg.html.

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CHAPTER 9 BLM FIRE CODING GUIDELINES

CHAPTER PURPOSE

This chapter provides guidance on the use of Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) codes in the fire program.

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

- To provide guidance for proper use of fire codes at all levels of the BLM organization.
- Identify and describe the proper use of four types of fire codes used by BLM.
- Define short-term severity, long-term severity and how they work.
- Determining severity funding limits and how to request funding.
- Common questions and answers that are asked by fire personnel regarding proper use of fire WBS codes.

DEACTIVATING FIRECODES

FireCodes that go unused for 12 months will be deactivated. FireCodes that need to be reactivated will be done with the concurrence of the State Incident Business Lead, Fire & Aviation and the NOC. Requests to reactivate a FireCode must be in writing and include rationale for reactivating the code. Work with the State Incident Business Lead, who will email, Dave Burley (dburley@blm.gov) at the National Interagency Fire Center.

NATIONAL REVIEWS

The BLM National Office conducts national fire preparedness reviews of each BLM state fire program every four years. BLM State Offices conduct state-wide fire preparedness reviews every two years, and BLM Field Offices or Districts conduct fire preparedness reviews annually.

Incident business reviews have been part of the preparedness review process since 2008. In response to recent OIG audits, the incident business portion of the National Preparedness Review has been expanded to include a review of state and local suppression expenditures. In advance of the review, the review team may need to request documentation from your state incident business lead.

CORRECT REVIEW FINDINGS

When doing internal reviews of spending all errors should be corrected. If the charge is more than 2 years old then the priority criteria to apply should be:

- 1) If the charge is in suppression and it should have been preparedness it must be corrected.

- 2) If the charge is coded to a fire trespass or state billing fire that should have been coded somewhere else it must be corrected. This also applies to charges that were not coded to a fire trespass or state billable fire and was not.
- 3) If the expense was coded in error to the wrong fire and the correction does not involve fire trespass, state billable fire or a non-suppression expense then corrections should be made as workload permits; corrections over \$5,000 should take priority.

If it is labor work with your state incident business lead to send the information via the Mass Adjustment File Layout to the national office. Prior year labor corrections, pay periods less than 13 months prior to current, will be consolidated on a monthly basis at NIFC and sent to the NOC for uploading. If labor corrections are identified older than 13 months, the only alternative is to journal voucher the expense. This is not a desired option, but if it is determined absolutely necessary it can be done.

INCIDENT-SPECIFIC CODES

Dispatch offices will generate a fire code for each BLM fire within their jurisdiction using the FireCode web application. The FireCode system creates a four-digit alpha-numeric fire code. As fire codes are generated, they are uploaded nightly into the FBMS, creating a suppression WBS. There are no additional requirements for BLM finance offices to enter these codes into the financial system.

The dispatch office generating a fire code will provide the code to resources responding to the fire and to other dispatch units providing resources, and will include the code on all resource orders generated for that fire. If a BLM unit receives a request from another federal wildland fire agency or dispatch office to provide initial attack resources to a fire, the code will be provided by the requesting agency or dispatch office.

If a dispatch office receives a request from a non-federal entity to provide support to a non-federal fire covered by an approved annual operating plan (AOP), the dispatch office will access FireCode to assign a fire code to the fire. This code will be used by all federal wildland fire agencies that provide support to that fire. However, if no federal resources are being utilized and no federal lands are affected, a fire code should not be generated.

For BLM, each false alarm will be assigned a separate fire code.

The USFS generally assigns one fire code per forest for all fires smaller than 300 acres and all false alarms. The BLM will use that code rather than generate a separate fire code for each separate USFS incident.

APPROPRIATE USE OF INCIDENT-SPECIFIC CODES

Incident-specific fire codes are appropriately used under the following circumstances:

- Resources and personnel working on an incident, directly supporting an incident (e.g., expanded dispatch), or repairing damage resulting from fire management activities.
- Resources and personnel ordered because of anticipated need for the incident (including extension at the end of shift).

- Resources and personnel refurbishing equipment after returning from an incident (e.g., fire personnel washing hose, cleaning equipment, sharpening tools).

Do not use an incident-specific code to backfill behind a resource or personnel sent to a fire.

MULTIPLE-INCIDENT SUPPORT CODES

During fire season, when fire activity is high, some fire management personnel can be called upon to perform work that supports multiple fires simultaneously. Support codes are fire codes set up at the local or geographic area level for use by resources and personnel supporting multiple existing incidents, when it is difficult to identify a specific incident to charge against. Support codes must only be used for suppression-appropriate charges, and must not be used for charges appropriately charged to specific incidents, to severity, or to preparedness.

The BLM state offices will maintain lists of authorized codes in use in their states and monitor expenditures charged to these authorized codes. Review of support code expenditures will become part of national preparedness reviews. Use of support codes should be limited to the following:

APPROPRIATE USE OF MULTIPLE-INCIDENT SUPPORT CODES

Multiple-incident support codes are appropriately used under the following circumstances, only if it is not feasible to charge expenditures to a specific incident:

- Resources and personnel working in support of multiple existing incidents (e.g., dispatchers, managers, staging area managers, caches, and aircraft).
- Resources and personnel ordered in anticipation of being used on any of a series of existing incidents (including extensions at the end of shift) with the understanding that they will be moved to an actual fire as soon as they are assigned. This is a very short-term option.
- Personnel time for dispatchers, warehouse/cache workers, support staff, and AD/casual employees should be broken into blocks and charged to specific fire codes when practical, even when supporting multiple fires. When hours cannot be broken out and charged to specific fire codes, a support code may be used.
- Utility costs (telephones, sewer, water, electricity, fuel, etc.) above normally occurring costs that are incurred in direct suppression support should be charged to specific fire codes.
- Emergency equipment, rental vehicles (i.e., forklifts, rental cars), and government-owned or leased vehicle mileage in support of multiple fires may be charged to a support code. Vehicle costs associated with deliveries to specific fires should be charged to the incident-specific fire code.
- Flight detection over multiple fires intended to monitor the need to place resources can be charged to a support code.
- Cell phone costs above the monthly or annual recurring costs, when they are identifiable.
- Expenses may be temporarily obligated to a support code when insufficient time or information exists to determine the correct specific fire code. These expenses must be de-obligated and charged to specific fire codes when the payment is processed.

- States must coordinate with the FA Budget and Evaluation staff prior to obligating or making payment for any support code expenditure over \$100,000.

Do not use a support code for:

- Backfill behind a resource sent to a fire.
- Expenses not directly related to suppression.
- Expenses that should be charged to severity.
- Expenses related to the pre-positioning of resources (when no fires currently exist).
- Billable fire expenses (any fire BLM will need to track separately to seek reimbursement of costs).
- Normal default cost structure for any government employee charge card or any vehicle charge card. Charge cards should default to the normal funding code of the individual's program.
- Monthly/annual cell, satellite phone base costs or normal occurring utility charges.
- Lease/rental of government facilities that are used for regular government business (i.e., dispatch center, warehouses, etc.).
- Exclusive use aircraft daily availability. Daily availability for call-when-needed (CWN) aircraft and flight hour costs in direct support of multiple fires is to be broken out for individual legs between fires.
- Monthly charges for government-owned or leased vehicles.
- Funding fire investigation costs. If fire investigation costs will be incurred beyond the two year period for charging to the fire code, a request for extension should be made through the NOC.
- Base funding for BLM employees whose base-8 hours are covered by preparedness funds.

The USFS has created support codes for non-land based units such as National Caches, GACCs, NICC and a few USFS specific units. If BLM resources are ordered using a support code from the USFS or another agency, we will honor that code and use it as requested to be used.

Regardless of benefitting jurisdiction, Geographic Area Coordination Centers can preposition resources using their assigned support fire code in advance of predicted significant wildland fire potential; to meet ongoing fire activity needs when the resource assignment is not yet known; or for resources supporting multiple incidents.

REVIEW OF SUPPORT CODE USE

State offices are responsible for monitoring support code charges in FBMS for their set of authorized support codes. To ensure compliance with BLM direction on support code use, state offices and FA, Budget and Evaluation office will annually review support code expenditures.

NATIONAL AND STATE DIRECTOR SEVERITY

1 Severity is the preferred method to move and support resources in advance of fire activity. By
2 definition, incident-specific or multiple-incident support codes require the expenditures to go
3 against an existing fire or multiple existing fires. Severity funds are used to move and support
4 resources and personnel because of general fire conditions, as supported by a severity request to
5 the National Office, or by a short-term event.

6 The DOI severity authorization limit, or cap, is ten percent of the ten-year suppression obligation
7 average. The BLM divides that cap into three pieces (state severity, short-term severity, a piece
8 unallocated) in case any unforeseen circumstances arise. Each state's limit for nationally
9 approved severity is based on a percent of each state's base preparedness funding.

10 NATIONAL SEVERITY

11 National agency fire directors or their delegates are authorized to allocate fire severity
12 funding under specific conditions, tied to anticipated fire activity that will exceed the
13 capabilities of local resources, fire seasons that start earlier or last longer than normal, or
14 abnormal increases in fire potential or danger not planned for in existing preparedness plans.
15 The BLM will use fire code numbers for all severity activities. The FA, Budget and
16 Evaluation will assign codes for BLM severity activities.

17 REQUESTING FIRE SEVERITY FROM FIRE AND AVIATION

18 The process for requesting severity is outlined in the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire*
19 *Aviation Operations*, and can also be found on the web at the BLM Fire Operations website
20 (http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/fire_ops/index.html) in the "Toolbox" section. Requests should
21 be consolidated by state and submitted to FA by the state director. The official memo requesting
22 funds should be mailed to the AD, FA. An electronic copy should also be e-mailed to
23 BLM_FA_Severity@blm.gov. Severity funding requests will be accepted and approved for a
24 maximum of 30 days; however, regardless of the length of the authorization, use of severity
25 funding must be terminated when abnormal conditions no longer exist. If the fire severity
26 situation extends beyond the 30-day authorization, the state must prepare a new severity request.

27 An approval memo from FA will list authorized resources, along with a cost string code for each
28 state and field office to use for all resources. All resources authorized through this process will
29 be counted in the state's severity authorization limit, including extension of exclusive-use
30 aircraft contracts.

31 In order to support the BLM national aviation strategy, which includes prioritized allocation
32 based on need, air resource mobility, and cost containment, a state may be directed to release an
33 air resource to another state. All charges related to releasing an air resource will be covered by
34 FA or the receiving state.

35 Post-season reviews on the use of severity funding will be conducted by FA every fall. Select
36 states will be reviewed according to the fire preparedness review schedule in order to identify
37 potential severity process improvements at the local, state, and national level.

38 SHORT-TERM SEVERITY

Each state director, and the FA division chiefs for operations and aviation, have been delegated the authority to expend severity funding in the amounts specified below for short-term severity needs for the fiscal year. Short-term severity authorization limits have been set at \$300,000, or three percent, of each state's base preparedness funding, whichever is greater. Each state and FA division will establish a process to document requests and approvals, and will maintain this information in a severity file. This discretionary severity authorization can be expended for appropriate severity activities without approval from the AD, FA.

<u>State/Office</u>	<u>Functional Area</u>	<u>WBS</u>
AK	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YE0000
AZ	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YF0000
CA	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YG0000
CO	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YH0000
ID	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YJ0000
MT	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YK0000
NV	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YL0000
NM	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YM0000
OR	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YN0000
UT	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YP0000
WY	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YQ0000
FA300	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0YR0000
FA500	LF2100000.HT0000	LFSRD0Y50000

Exceeding Authority Limits:

For a state to exceed its state severity or short-term severity authorization limit, the state director must request an increase to its spending limit from the AD, FA. Similarly, if FA Operations or Aviation Division exceeds their severity authority, the division chief must request an increase from the AD. The AD may adjust the authorized spending limits in order to ensure BLM stays within the severity funding authorization limit set by the Department.

Interagency Fire Severity Activities:

The BLM, BIA, U.S. FWS, NPS, and USFS 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 one another for services rendered for emergency suppression, including severity activities.

- ***BLM Assisting Other DOI Agencies***

The DOI agencies all use FireCode to assign project numbers for their severity activities. When assisting other DOI agencies, the BLM is to use the four digit FireCode project number provided by the requesting DOI agency. The FireCode project number is inserted into the WBS in digits 5-8 (LFSR#####0000).

- ***BLM Requesting Other DOI Agencies Assistance***

When BLM requests assistance from another DOI agency, BLM will provide to the assisting agency the four-digit FireCode project number, which are digits 5-8 in the WBS listed in their authorization memos.

- *BLM Assisting the Forest Service (FS)*

The FS is not using FireCode to assign project numbers for severity activities. The FA has assigned one number (LFSRD0YY0000) for all severity assistance BLM provides to the FS. For example, if BLM Utah is assisting the FS, they would use LLUT###000 LF2100000.HT0000 LFSRD0YY0000.

- *BLM Requesting Forest Service Assistance*

When BLM requests assistance from the FS, BLM does not provide a project number from FireCode. The FS uses specific “S” codes found in the National Interagency Mobilization Guide, chapter 20 – Administrative Procedures, when assisting DOI agencies. The FS code for assisting BLM is **S70002**.

Any severity support provided by the BLM to the other DOI agencies or the FS will not be counted in the state’s authorization limit.

PRE-POSITIONING FUNDS

NATIONAL PREPOSITION FUNDING

National preposition funding is used to mobilize resources to areas with anticipated fire activity when other funding is not available. Units may request national preposition funding from FA to acquire supplemental fire operations assets to increase initial attack capability. Approved national preposition funding may be used only for travel and per diem costs for the duration of the assignment, and overtime labor costs associated with the original preposition move. National preposition funding may be used to mobilize resources when BLM units:

- do not have available preparedness funding;
- do not have available short-term severity funding; or,
- do not meet the criteria for use of national severity funding.

The process for requesting national preposition funding from FA is outlined in the *Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations*, and can also be found on the web at the BLM Fire Operations website (http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/fire_ops/index.html) in the “Toolbox” section.

STATE DISCRETIONARY PREPOSITION FUNDING

Each state director has also been delegated the authority to expend preposition funding. State preposition authorization limits have been set using methodology established by the Fire Leadership Team. State preposition authorization limits can be found at http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/fire_ops/toolbox_preposition.htm.

Each state will establish a process to document requests and approvals and will maintain this information in a file. This discretionary preposition funding authorization can be expended for appropriate preposition activities without approval from the AD, FA. The following are the cost strings for preposition funding for each state:

<u>State</u>	<u>Functional Area</u>	<u>WBS</u>
AK	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAAK280000
AZ	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAAZ280000
CA	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFACA280000
CO	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFACO280000
ID	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAID280000
MT	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAMT280000
NV	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFANV280000
NM	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFANM280000
OR	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAOR280000
UT	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAUT280000
WY	LF5610000.HU0000	LFFAWY280000

SPECIAL USE CODES

The FAD has set up several special WBSs for use with the suppression account. These codes have specific uses and restrictions, set forth in IMs and IBs.

LFSP99990000

The use of this code is authorized under the following circumstances:

- Caches may use LFSP99990000 to procure generic boxes and packing materials intended for multiple fire support.
- Fire support re-supply for local (non-stores) caches should be charged to specific fire codes. When this is not feasible, LFSP99990000 may be used.
- Refurbishment costs for fire returns should be charged to the specific fire code of the original incident.
- Procure retardant using specific fire codes. When this is not feasible, then LFSP99990000 may be used.
- Shipping costs between caches should be charged to the ordering cache using specific fire codes. When this is not feasible, LFSP99990000 may be used.
- Offices may consolidate LF2000000.HU0000 charges on the fiscal year-end obligation for Office of Aircraft Services (OAS) charges and use LFSP99990000 with the individual office code. Individual OAS payment documents will be paid against the specific fire number shown.
- States must coordinate with the Fire and Aviation Budget and Evaluation staff prior to obligating or making payment for any LFSP99990000 expenditures over \$100,000.

LFSP44440000

A unique WBS, LFSP44440000, has been established to help states and units manage their fire travel and acquisition expenditures for the last quarter of the fiscal year. LFSP44440000 can be used as a default code for personnel whose travel or purchases are at least 80 percent in response

1 to wildland fire incidents. This does not eliminate the need to adjudicate charge card charges
2 from the default code to the actual fire code. The FAD monitors this account as the year comes
3 to a close and will notify offices if charges are not adjusted out of the default. Any default codes
4 changed to utilize the coding above must be returned to the preparedness default by October 31.

5 **LFSP77770000**

6 Fire support, re-supply and shipping costs for the caches at NIFC, Alaska Fire Service, and
7 Billings, MT should be charged to the fire stores account LFSP77770000. The caches should
8 charge National Fire Equipment System (NFES) numbered cartons to the fire stores account, as
9 well. These three caches are the only units in the BLM authorized to charge to the fire stores
10 account.

11 **LFSPTIME0000**

12 QuickTime will not allow the time keepers to override a WBS that is not in the system. There are
13 times when employees respond to a fire start at the end of a pay period and QuickTime tables
14 cannot be updated before payroll has to be finalized. To make sure employees are paid correctly
15 and reduce errors the WBS LFSPTIME0000 can be used. Each state and unit is responsible to
16 monitor its use of this code. All time charged to LFSPTIME0000 must be moved to the
17 appropriate fire WBS as soon as practical.

18 **LFSPB00T0000**

19 In 2011 the DOI issued policy allowing for the payment of a \$100 per year boot stipend to those
20 employees who qualify. The WBS LFSPB00T0000 was established for use when paying the
21 stipend to employees.

22 **LFSPAZA10000**

23 Training of ADs: Suppression operation funds are to be used for operational costs directly
24 associated with the preparation, delivery, or support of emergency incident related training for
25 emergency firefighter crews and support personnel (single resource casual). Allowable
26 operational costs are limited to:

- 27 • Casual wages for attending emergency incident training. See Chapter 2 for details.
- 28 • Training materials.
- 29 • Transportation of casual and regular government personnel, including commercial
30 transportation, contract transportation, government aircraft.
- 31 • Regular government employee overtime (pay code 110 not 113) when training is
32 predominantly for casuals.
- 33 • Casual travel expenses (per diem) and regular government employee travel expenses
34 (only when the purpose of the training is predominantly put on for casuals.) Regular
35 government employees using AZA1 and suppression funds for travel expenses should be
36 documented and forwarded to the state incident business lead when it occurs.

1 Operational costs should be coded to LF2000000.**HT0000** LFSPAZA10000. Regular
2 government employees cannot charge base salary to LF2000000.HT000 LFSPAZA10000, but
3 may use project number LFSPAZA10000 with their normal base funding code (i.e.,
4 LF1000000.HT000 LFSPAZA10000) to facilitate tracking casual training costs.

5 **BACKFILL**

6 Backfill is defined as utilizing suppression funding to compensate for lack of resources at a
7 station/district/duty location as a result of fire activity, either on the unit or off the unit.
8 Charging backfill to a local or off-unit fire code is not permitted. Pre-positioning of resources
9 and shift extensions are not considered backfill if these actions are taken because of
10 anticipated need on an existing local incident, whether they eventually are used on the
11 incident or not.

12 If local conditions are such that replacement personnel are needed to cover preparedness or
13 suppression workload because employees are on fire assignment, these replacement
14 personnel must charge to an appropriate account, not to the fire the original personnel
15 responded to. A person should only charge to a fire if the individual is working directly on or
16 in support of the fire.

17 **APPROPRIATE TIMEFRAMES FOR CHARGING TO A FIRE CODE**

18 (Excluding Fire Trespass Expenses and State Assist Fire Expenses)

19 If a person is no longer working on a fire, in support of a fire, or refurbishing after a fire, they
20 generally should not be coding to that incident's fire code. On occasion, expenditures to a fire
21 code could occur well after the incident is controlled, such as when staff makes fire-related
22 payments or warehouse personnel refurbish equipment long after the fire is deemed out.
23 Replacement of fire-damage items, based on an S#, can also occur long after a fire is controlled.
24 In such cases, the S# authorization should be utilized within six months after the incident is
25 declared out. If circumstances arise where this time frame cannot be met, approval must be
26 received by the state incident business lead prior to using the S#.

CHAPTER 10

ALL HAZARD GENERAL

REFERENCES

DOI All-Hazard Supplement to the SIIBM (<https://www.doi.gov/emergency/upload/DOI-BusinessSupplement-FINAL-23SEP14.pdf>)

DOI Emergency Management Policy References (<https://www.doi.gov/emergency/emergency-policy>)

STATE POINT OF CONTACT (POC)

Each state has designated a state POC. The role of the state POC is to facilitate the collection and submission of proper documentation to the FA, Budget and Evaluation Office (LLFA400000). Casey O'Connell coconnel@blm.gov is the national lead for FEMA reimbursements. The roles and responsibilities of the state POC, specific guidance for processing requests, and a state POC listing are available on the BLM FAD budget website at <http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/index.html>.

CODING BASE-8 AND OVERTIME

The FEMA policy states that FEMA will not reimburse agencies for base hours of employees who are normally working at the time of the incident. This includes all permanent full time employees and may include some career seasonal and temporary employees (depending on their normal period of funding).

The BLM employees who are normally working at the time of the incident, and are assigned to or in support of ESF#4, will code base hours to their home office and program. The BLM career seasonal employees who are extended beyond their normal period of funding in support of ESF#4, will code base hours to the appropriate reimbursable ESF#4 code located on the resource order request (see your state POC for code). Documentation in regards to career seasonal normal periods of funding may be required for reimbursement.

State, district, and field offices and dispatch centers are required to provide names of the career seasonal employees and the normal period of funding to the state POC to substantiate base hours for reimbursement upon request. Failure to do so will result in hours being charged back to the home office or program.

All employees will code overtime, premium pay and travel expenses to the appropriate reimbursable ESF#4 codes identified on the resource order (i.e., LLFAXXX000 LF6910000.NY0000 LRRFRXXXXX00). The overtime provisions of Public Law 106-558 (Wildland Fire Overtime) apply only to those assigned to emergency wildland fire activities whose overtime work is exempt from coverage under the FLSA. This provision does not apply to employees dispatched in support of all-hazard incidents (hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, oil spills, and other non-fire emergencies). Do not use T&A hours code 113 for any all-hazard

1 incident. Use regular overtime codes (110, 121, 120, etc.) when recording overtime in support of
2 ESF#4 incidents.

3 In a non-fire emergency, the exemption status of an exempt employee is determined on a work
4 week basis. An exempt employee shall be non-exempt for any weekly tour of duty in which the
5 employee's primary duties for the period of emergency work are non-exempt (5 CFR 551.211
6 (f)(2)(ii)). For purposes of this CFR, primary duties typically mean the duty that constitutes the
7 major part (over 50 percent) of an employee's work (5 CFR 551.104). Non-exempt employees
8 retain their non-exempt status regardless of the emergency work performed or the incident
9 position to which assigned.

10 HAZARD PAY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIFFERENTIALS

11 Refer to the CFR, Title 5, chapter 1, part 550 to determine if hazard pay is applicable for general
12 schedule employees. Refer to CFR, Title 5, chapter 1, part 532 for information on environmental
13 differential for wage grade employees.

14 Appendix J to Subpart E of 5 CFR 532 lists the specific categories for information on
15 environmental differential for wage-grade employees. In order to be eligible for an
16 environmental differential, the duties must be beyond the normal duties expected of the
17 employee's home unit position. Questions regarding whether the duties have been classified into
18 a specific position shall be referred to the home unit Human Resource office

19 The specific reason for hazard pay must be listed on the signed Crew Time Report and
20 Emergency Firefighter Time Report, OF-288 (or other approved all hazards incident timekeeping
21 forms), to assist home units in applying pay regulations.

22 BI-WEEKLY MAXIMUM EARNINGS LIMITATION

23 All employees working on or in support of all non-wildland fire incidents or activities are subject
24 to the bi-weekly maximum earnings limitation. In certain circumstances, the DOI may waive the
25 limitation upon request from the BLM. The AD, FA has been authorized to: (a) determine
26 emergency situations for the purpose of lifting the bi-weekly maximum earnings limitation; (b)
27 determine emergency situations for FLSA purposes; and (c) coordinate the application of these
28 new authorities with the BIA, U.S. FWS, the NPS, and the USFS. When the bi-weekly limitation
29 is waived, written direction will be issued from the Assistant Director. In such situations, the
30 annual maximum earnings limitation remains in place.

31 The annual maximum earnings limitation rule limits an employee's basic and premium pay to the
32 annual salary of the greater of the maximum step of a GS-15 grade level, including locality
33 and/or special salary rate pay or Level V of the Executive Schedule (5 CFR 550.106(c)(1)).

34 EMERGENCY WORKERS (CASUALS/ AD)

35 To assist with ESF#4 support, the BLM is authorized to utilize, hire and pay emergency workers
36 (casuals) in accordance with the AD Pay Plan for Emergency Workers. All casual time and travel
37 will be charged to the reimbursable WBS code assigned to the mission assignment on the

1 resource order. Please reference the most current FA IM in regards to hiring and payment
2 procedures for casuals (http://www.nifc.gov/programs/cpc_agencymemos.html).

3 **WORK/REST, LENGTH OF ASSIGNMENT, AND DAYS OFF**

4 BLM personnel assigned in support of ESF#4 will follow directions in the Interagency Incident
5 Business Management Handbook, chapter 10, page 10-19 Work/Rest, Length of Assignment,
6 and Days Off.

7 **CACHE ITEMS**

8 All accountable/durable property such as tents, sleeping bags, cots, chaps, Nomex, flight
9 suits/helmets, lighting kits, ridge poles, chainsaws, radios, radio kits, generators, pumps, etc.
10 must be returned through the normal return process to the servicing incident support cache.
11 FEMA will not reimburse the BLM for accountable property; therefore, the home unit will be
12 charged for items not returned.

13 **PURCHASE OF ACCOUNTABLE/SENSITIVE PROPERTY**

14 Accountable and/or sensitive property purchases must be made by a contracting officer operating
15 within their warranted authority. These items include: office equipment, digital cameras,
16 computer software, etc.

17 **CHARGE CARD PURCHASES (MICRO-PURCHASING)**

18 Personnel with purchasing authority that are not assigned to a buying team or other purchasing
19 support position must obtain authorization from the incident agency or bureau and
20 Finance/Administration Section Chief to use the government charge card and convenience
21 checks on all incidents.

22 Every effort should be made to utilize a buying team or contracting officer for all hazard
23 incidents purchases. Consumable needs (miscellaneous office supplies or incidentals for personal
24 use) may be purchased by individuals who hold micro-purchasing authority. All charges must be
25 supported by an incident order, request number (resource order number), and valid legible
26 receipt copy. The FEMA will consider charge card reimbursement only if the necessary
27 supporting documentation is provided.

28 Charge card adjustments for all hazard incident charges will be made by the home organization
29 (state, district, or field office). In order to pull the information needed from the FBMS, the
30 following format is required in the description field when entering charge card adjustments:
31 home office code, first four letters of the last name, and the request number as indicated on the
32 resource order in block 12 (i.e., a supply order would read AK HARP S140 or, for overhead, AZ
33 JONE O235).

34 Field offices must ensure that individuals who have made charges on their government charge
35 card in support of an all-hazard incident forward copies of their signed/approved charge card
36 statements, along with copies of supporting receipts/documentation to the assigned state POC
37 within five days of card adjustment (reference BLM Charge Card Manual, Release 1512). When

1 adjusting the default charge code on the charge card, please ensure the associated airfare agent
2 fee is also adjusted.

3 The default code for charge cards *must not* be changed to the reimbursable charge code.

4 DOCUMENTATION

5 In order for the BLM to receive reimbursement, FEMA requires all documentation charged to
6 the incident be included in each billing. A checklist designed to assist the employee in providing
7 the required documentation needed for billing purposes is available on the BLM FAD budget
8 website at <http://web.blm.gov/internal/fire/budget/index.html>.

9 The following documentation must be forwarded to your state POC as applicable:

- 10 • Resource order.
- 11 • All receipts (100%) to include those not required in the Federal Travel Regulations.
- 12 • List of names of employees who are not on a resource order but were deployed in support
13 of ESF#4.
- 14 • List of names and normal period of funding of career seasonal employees extended in
15 support of ESF#4. Failure to do so will result in hours being charged back to the home
16 office or program.
- 17 • Copies of charge card statements. Statements must be signed and dated by the individual
18 and their supervisor. Statements must reflect the appropriate charge code, budget object
19 class, a brief description of charges and legible copies of all receipts associated with the
20 incident.
- 21 • Contractual documents (contracts, purchase orders, blanket purchase agreements, etc.).
- 22 • Government Bill of Lading.

23 The state POC will submit the requested documentation to the national lead (LLFA400000) as
24 requested in the POC Guide. All documentation requested must be organized in the format
25 outlined in this guide. If documentation is received in a format other than what is outlined in this
26 guide, the state FMO will be contacted to determine if a correction to the documentation will be
27 made by the state POC, or a charge code for the requested transactions provided to the national
28 lead to charge back the items to the home office unit.

29 The FEMA may require additional clarification on documents previously submitted. The national
30 office will work with each state POC as needed.

31 Unless requested by the national lead, please do not forward:

- 32 • Copies of travel vouchers (travel documents will be provided by the National Operations
33 Center Travel Desk).
- 34 • Copies of OF-288's (Emergency Firefighter Time Report).

CHAPTER 11 CLAIMS

REFERENCES

The Federal Tort Claims Act provides for the filing of claims against the United States for personal property damage or loss, personal injury, or wrongful death caused by negligence, wrongful acts or omissions of federal government employees while acting within the scope of their employment. Only the USDI Office of the Solicitor has the authority to settle claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR MANUAL

The Department of the Interior Manual Part 451 Chapter 1 (<http://elips.doi.gov/ELIPS/0/doc/1506/Page1.aspx>) (451 DM 1) describes the Departmental policies, procedures and responsibilities for handling claims against the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

The Department of the Interior Manual Part 451 Chapter 3, Loss or Damage – Employee’s Personal Property (<http://elips.doi.gov/elips/0/doc/1508/Page1.aspx>) (451 DM 3) describes the Departmental policies for settlement of claims against the United States. DM 451.3.2, states “damage or loss must be incident to the employee’s service and possession of the property must be reasonable, useful, or proper in the circumstances.”

BLM MANUAL

BLM Manual 1386.6 (<http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-500/directives/dir-manu/manu-dir.html>) outlines the responsibilities, designation process, reporting and investigation processes, and the filing and adjudication of tort claims against the United States within the Bureau of Land Management.

MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES’ CLAIMS ACT OF 1964

The Military Personnel and Civilian Employees’ Claims Act of 1964 (<https://ogc.commerce.gov/file/military-personnel-and-civilian-employees-claims-act>) (MP&CE) outlines rights of employees, official volunteers, and casualties to claim reimbursement for loss or damage to personal property that occurs in performance of duty.

CONTRACT DISPUTES ACT OF 1978

(<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-92/pdf/STATUTE-92-Pg2383.pdf>)

The Contract Disputes Act of 1978 establishes procedures and requirements for affirming and resolving claims subject to the Act.

INTERAGENCY INCIDENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

(<https://www.nwcg.gov/publications>)

- Chapter 20, Acquisition (Contract Claims)
- Chapter 70, Claims

FILING A TORT CLAIM

The Federal Tort Claims Act provides for the filing of claims against the United States for personal property damage or loss, personal injury, or wrongful death. 451 DM 1 and the BLM Manual 1386.6 further identify specifics to the USDI and the BLM in the processing of Tort Claims.

A tort claim must be filed within two years of the date of the incident which gave rise to the claim.

It is the responsibility of private property owners to document and substantiate any claims filed for damage to or loss of personal property. The private property owner assumes the burden for proving the Government negligent and for documenting their losses.

The claimant must submit the claim using the SF-95, Claim for Damage, Injury or Death, or other written and signed document.

The claimant must provide:

1. Claimant's name, mailing address and phone number.
2. A statement describing what action or omission of the Government caused the damage, loss, or injury.
3. The sum certain (specific dollar amount) claimed.

The claimant should provide the following supporting documentation to substantiate the claim:

1. Proof of ownership for damaged property, e.g., copy of title, registration, deed or tax documents.
2. Documentation of the amount claimed, e.g., two itemized repair estimates, two estimates of replacement costs, age of damaged/destroyed property, salvage values, proof of property value.
3. Documentation of insurance coverage of the property.
4. Witness statements.
5. Pictures of the damaged property and pictures of the property before damage occurred.

Tort claims are submitted to the designated official of the Incident Agency.

FILING AN EMPLOYEE CLAIM

The Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964, 31 U.S.C. § 3721 (1982) provides for the filing of claims against the United States for personal property damage or loss,

1 personal injury, or wrongful death. 451 DM 3 further identify specifics to the USDI and the
2 BLM in the processing of Employee Claims.

3 All employees are responsible to know the rights and responsibilities for personal property
4 claims and to show due diligence and care for all property used in performance of duty.

5 Supervisors and managers are responsible to review claims and provide written statements
6 relative to the claim. Incident supervisors are responsible to document the circumstances that
7 pertain to the loss or damage.

8 Within 60 days of property loss or damage, employees and their supervisor complete an
9 Employee Claim Package and submit the forms with supporting documentation to their home
10 unit.

- 11 • The employee completes form DI-570, Employee Claim for Loss or Damage to Personal
12 Property and provides witness statements and supporting documentation to their
13 supervisor.
- 14 • The supervisor provides a statement and recommendation in regards to the validity of the
15 circumstances and necessity of the items claimed.
- 16 • The State Fire Management Officer (SFMO) reviews and signs the completed package
17 and forwards it on to the Solicitor's office for adjudicating. If there is a current MOU
18 between the home unit and the solicitor's office delegating that decision to the home unit
19 (usually has a low dollar limit) then the package should be forwarded to the person
20 identified in the MOU.

21 If the employee is away from their duty station, report the occurrence to the on-site supervisor
22 and complete the required forms, following local, established procedures for submission to the
23 home unit.

24 The claimant must provide:

- 25 1. Claimant's name, permanent mailing address and phone number.
- 26 2. Narrative statement that tells who, what, when, where, how and why the loss or damage
27 occurred. Description of how the claimant provided for security of the items.
- 28 3. Detailed description of each item.
- 29 4. Purchase month/year/price of each item claimed.

30 The claimant should provide the following supporting documentation to substantiate the claim:

- 31 • Witness statements or other statements, etc. on separate sheets of paper.
- 32 • Catalog/internet photos and prices, copy of the original receipts, and/or statement of
33 value documentation.

34 If an adjudicated decision is returned in favor of the employee, a SF-1145 or FMS-197 form
35 should be filled out and sent to the Accounts Payable Section, OC-6220 at the National
36 Operations Center in Denver. Both forms (SF-1145 or FMS-197) must have the claimant's
37 signature, the claimant's supervisor signature and a budget officer's signature to authorize the
38 funds.

1 FILING A CONTRACT CLAIM

2 Claims related to Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA) and other contracts are
3 adjudicated per the Contract Disputes Act of 1978.

4 All personnel involved in the management of rented equipment, land or facilities use have the
5 potential to be involved with a contract claim and should be aware of the contract claims
6 procedures.

7 A federal Contracting Officer (CO) is the only person authorized to settle a federal contract
8 claim up to the amount of their delegated warrant authority. Contract claims may be settled by
9 the original contracting officer, or a designated successor contracting officer, acting within their
10 delegated warrant authority and limits set by the incident agency. Other personnel have no
11 authority to settle a contract claim, but do have a crucial role in the claim process. In the event a
12 settlement cannot be reached and a dispute arises, the written final decision shall be made by the
13 contracting officer initiating the EERA or I-BPA or an agency-designated successor contracting
14 officer.

15 Payment for equipment use shall not be delayed beyond a reasonable period to obtain
16 documentation needed to support a contractor's claim.

17 The following are general guidelines for dealing with a claim or potential claim:

- 18 • Contractors filing a claim assume the burden for proving the Government was negligent
19 and there for caused the loss or damage.
- 20 • Incident personnel shall not advise, comment, or solicit a contractor's claim.
- 21 • While there is no specific form on which to file a claim, the claim must be in writing and
22 include the following:
 - 23 1. Claimants complete name, mailing address, and phone number.
 - 24 2. Legible signature of the equipment owner or legal representative.
 - 25 3. Claimant's statement of facts concerning the damage.
 - 26 4. Claimant's itemized listing of the amount claimed, including estimated values of
27 equipment before damage.
 - 28 5. Witness statements if available.
- 29 • The incident supervisor managing the equipment is responsible for documenting the
30 damage and initiating the investigation. The extent of the investigation should be
31 appropriate to the complexity and/or amount claimed. The investigator shall avoid
32 conclusions and opinions and shall only present observations and facts. The investigation
33 report should include the following items:
 - 34 1. Description of the damage and circumstances leading to the damage; including
35 location of the area, sequence of events, weather, and road conditions.
 - 36 2. Law enforcement investigation report if applicable.
 - 37 3. List of witnesses and statements.
 - 38 4. Sketches, maps, diagrams, or photographs of the scene or equipment.

CHAPTER 12 MANAGING TRESPASS COLLECTIONS AND STATE ASSIST

FIRE TRESPASS COLLECTIONS

The authority for collections of fire trespass costs is found within Public Law 94-579, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, section 305, Deposits and Forfeitures. This section allows the BLM to collect for fire trespass and use the collection for "any improvement, protection, or rehabilitation work."

MANAGING FIRE TRESPASS COLLECTIONS

Fire trespass activities will be identified, administered, and tracked according to established procedures within the BLM's Fire Trespass Handbook (H-9238-1). The purpose is to reduce property and resource losses from unwanted human-caused ignitions and to increase available budget resources.

Fire trespass collections will be deposited into either Functional Area L53100000.RD0000 (Repair of Damaged Lands, (O&C)) or Functional area L53200000.RD0000 (Repair of Damaged lands, Public Lands). When depositing these collections use WBS "LV.DO.FIRE0000" and "LVDPFIREXX00" (the XX is the state identifier; i.e., ID, MT, etc.), respectively. **The WBS must be attached to the collection, or the funds risk being lost into a general collections category.** The program element, RD, and the WBS, LVDOFIRE0000 or LVDPFIREXX00, will be hard coded in the Collections and Billing System (CBS). The CBS edits do not change or identify the invalid cost center code for fire trespass reimbursements; however, the bill will not pass the FBMS edits and will be rejected. Each state office has designated a specific office organization code in which collections will be summarized (ref page 12-5).

Once fire trespass funds are deposited, they will be managed by the state where the collection was made within the directives. These funds are available as soon as collected and may be maintained in the state office for statewide activities or targeted to field offices.

If another federal agency's costs were part of the trespass bill, BLM must transfer their percentage of the collection via Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) (a Treasury subsystem for interagency electronic transfer of funds).

Funds collected from fire trespass actions can only be used for fire program activities that support the protection of life, resources and property. These collections, however, may not be used for Fire Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement projects that would be appropriately funded in LF330. Examples include fire prevention, mitigation, education, investigation, cost recovery and preparedness activities. These funds can also be used for restoration activities that are needed as a result of a fire where, due to limitations on the use of Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ES&R) funds, restoration of developments damaged by a fire could not be accomplished.

Trespass funds may be used for non-recurring contracts and one-time purchases that do not require continued monetary commitment beyond what is available in the trespass account. Funds

1 can be used for labor, training, travel and support and administration of fire program activities.
2 However, while labor charges are allowed, these funds should not be used as the basis for hiring
3 permanent positions.

4 Trespass funds are not base funds; they are considered one-time funds. These funds do not have
5 to be applied to the same lands that generated the collections and can be used without fiscal year
6 limitation.

7 If fire occurs on Western Oregon (O&C) lands, deposit the collections into Functional Area
8 L53100000.RD000. If fire occurs on other public lands deposit money into Functional Area
9 L53200000.RD0000. Example: BLM Utah recovers \$400,000 from a trespass fire action on
10 public land. The entire \$400,000 would be deposited in LLUT930000-L53200000.RD0000-
11 LVDPFIREUT00. However, if the fire occurred on O&C lands, Functional Area
12 L53100000.RD000 would be used, and the amount would be deposited in LLOR930000-
13 L53100000.RD0000-LVDOFIRE0000.

14 Functional Areas L53100000 and L53200000 include other BLM activities collections;
15 therefore, it is critical that fire trespass collections and resultant spending transactions cite the
16 LVDOFIRE0000 and LVDPFIREXX00 WBS, or the funds will be deposited to the general state
17 Repair of Damaged Lands account.

18 Indirect costs for special funds, such as recoverables, reimbursables, and trust projects will not
19 be assessed to fire trespass collections. This decision has been made because most fire trespass
20 settlements are less than full value and rarely cover actual BLM expenditures.

21 Leave surcharge will be assessed consistent with the amount of expenditures for BLM labor
22 charged to the LV.DO.FIRE0000 and LV.DP.FIREXX00 WBS.

23
24 Budget authority derived from trespass collections is considered no-year funds. End-of-year
25 budget resources in fire trespass will be summarized at the state office level (LV.DO.FIRE0000
26 and LV.DP.FIREXX00), and the existing functional area (L53100000 or L53200000) will be
27 carried forward at the current level by state and organization. Use the CBS or the FBMS to
28 monitor collections and manage expenditures.

29 Tracking Fire Trespass Cases and Collections: The OIG audit report entitled Reimbursement of
30 Firefighting Costs, Bureau of Land Management (Report No. 98-I-551, July 1998) requires BLM
31 state offices to track, and prepare for management review and oversight, the following items:

- 32 • Number of human-caused fires each year.
- 33 • Number of human-caused fires where BLM has pursued collection each year.
- 34 • Cost of fires where BLM has pursued collection.
- 35 • Amounts billed.
- 36 • Amounts collected.
- 37 • Amounts written off (compromise offer or write-off of entire amount).
- 38 • Reasons for amounts “not billed” or “written off.”
 - 39 ○ Amounts not Billed: For human-caused fires where BLM has made a decision not to
40 pursue collection, the basis for this decision should be documented on the “Field

1 Manager's Fire Trespass Decision Document" and included in the official fire
2 investigation case file at the local level. This decision document can be found as an
3 illustration in the BLM Fire Trespass Handbook.

- 4 ○ Amounts Written off: For human-caused fires where BLM has made a decision to
5 pursue collection, and a compromise offer has been accepted or the entire amount
6 has been written off, the reason for that decision should be documented and tracked
7 at the unit level in the official fire investigation case file and by the State Fire
8 Trespass Coordinator.

9 It is understood that, for most fires, cost recovery efforts may take several years which makes it
10 difficult to produce an annual summary of billings and collections. Therefore, state offices
11 should consider keeping a running spreadsheet that tracks, at a minimum, the items listed above
12 for all fire trespass cases where their state has pursued collection. For all other human-caused
13 fires where BLM has chosen not to pursue collection, that documentation should reside within
14 the individual fire investigation case files as explained above under the "Amounts not Billed"
15 section. This documentation would include reasons such as "no responsible party identified,"
16 "negligence or intent could not be established," or some other appropriate reason.

17 Guidance for gathering fire costs can be found in the *Best Practices Guide for Creating Wildland*
18 *Fire Cost Packages used in Cost Recovery Efforts* which resides on the Fire Planning Sharepoint
19 site at the link below:

20 <http://teamspace/sites/firemp/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2Fsites%2Ffiremp%2FShared%20Documents%2FTrespass%20-%20Best%20Practices%20Guide%20for%20Fire%20Cost%20Packages&FolderCTID=0x012000A4F8F430D1FBFB4B9C2204D8EE8FCC6E&View=%7BABA8A84C-F419-4AD2-B755-C52BD553BDCF%7D>

25 Talk to your state Trespass Coordinator for access to the SharePoint site above.

26 STATE ASSIST COLLECTIONS

27 PROTECTION ASSISTANCE COLLECTIONS AUTHORITY

28 The FY 1999 Interior Appropriation (DOI and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, as
29 included in Public Law 105-277, Section 101 [e]) provided permanent authority to keep sums
30 received for fire protection rendered pursuant to the authorities in the 1955 Fire Reciprocal
31 Protection Act (42 U.S.C. 1856 et seq.).

32 Functional Areas LF4600000/LF5610000 and LF4700000/LF5710000

33 Collection:

34 Fire protection assistance costs will be tracked and billed according to existing processes. The
35 specific wildland fire protection agreements and the operating plan should provide the guidance
36 for items to be billed.

1 Collections will be made and deposited into that state office's designated office code. The office
2 organization codes identified on page 12-5 will be used for both functional areas' deposits.
3 Collections are to be deposited as current year funds regardless of the year the fire occurred. A
4 designated office code has also been established for FA for recording collections received from
5 protection assistance efforts in locations outside the scope of responsibility of the BLM state
6 offices.

7 Collections will be distributed between preparedness and suppression based on the percent of
8 each functional area's expenditures for the ten year average of total expenditures for
9 preparedness and suppression. The current ten year average percent split is 55% for suppression
10 and 45% for preparedness. Collections will be deposited into two functional areas (LF4600000
11 and LF4700000). Functional Area LF4600000 will benefit from the percent of total collections
12 applicable to suppression; Functional Area LF4700000 will benefit from the percent of total
13 collections applicable to preparedness. Program element "RD0000" and WBS "LVFA10000000"
14 will be used for all collections.

- 15 • Example: BLM Alaska receives \$500,000 as a result of the net payment for FY 2003
16 protection assistance covered by an agreement with the State of Alaska. The BLM's ratio
17 between preparedness and suppression is 45 percent preparedness and 55 percent
18 suppression. Therefore, \$225,000 (45 percent) will be deposited into the designated office
19 code, functional area LF4700000 (preparedness), program element RD (for collections),
20 and WBS 1000(AK310-LF4700000.RD0000- LVFA10000000-\$225,000); and \$275,000
21 (55 percent) will be deposited into the designated office code, functional area
22 LF4600000, program element RD.0000, and WBS 1000 (AK310-LF4600000.RD0000-
23 LVFA10000000-\$275,000).

24 Although these funds are deposited into a state office account, they are not available to the state.
25 In order to establish an accounting trail on the source of funds collected, BLM must credit
26 LF4600000 and LF4700000 collections to the state or national office performing the collection.
27 All funds, regardless of what office did the collection, will be managed at the national level by
28 the Fire and Aviation Budget and Evaluation Division. Funding derived from fire protection
29 assistance reimbursements (LF4600000 and LF4700000) are no-year funds and will be managed
30 accordingly. Carryover funds will be managed in accordance with the agreed to process, based
31 on priorities.

32 Collections for state assistance fires that occur in or cross more than one BLM State Office
33 jurisdiction (i.e. border fires), will be the responsibility of the primary BLM State Office. The
34 primary BLM State Office is the jurisdiction with the majority of the effort, who supervises the
35 incident's primary dispatch center and is required to complete wildland fire reports (i.e. WFDSS,
36 Fire Reports, ICS-209s, etc.). One cost share agreement will be completed for the incident.
37 Exceptions would require appropriate justification and FA Budget Division approval.

38 **Expenditure:**

39 The allocation of LF4600000 funds (related to suppression) is controlled as follows:

- 40 • Funds are used for expenditures typically charged to suppression (Functional Area
41 LF2000000). Suppression funds are allocated at the National Office level; therefore,

1 LF4600000 funds will also be controlled by FA. All expenditures are made through
 2 Functional Area LF5610000.

3 *The allocation of LF4700000 funds (related to preparedness) will be controlled as follows:*

- 4 • Fifty percent of a state's Functional Area LF4700000 collection dollars (preparedness
 5 portion) will be returned to the state as part of the AWP process. Funds collected in the
 6 current budget year are typically distributed the following budget year.
- 7 • These funds may be used only for non-recurring contracts, interagency activities, labor,
 8 and one-time purchases not requiring continued monetary commitment beyond the level
 9 of the current preparedness base budget.
- 10 • The remaining Functional Area LF4700000 collection amount will be targeted to bureau-
 11 wide fire projects based on the agreed to process, based on priority needs.
- 12 • While all preparedness related collections are received in the Functional Area
 13 LF4700000, all preparedness related expenditures will be made through Functional Area
 14 LF5710000.

15 No indirect costs will be assessed to protection assistance reimbursements unless agreed to in
 16 specific state agreements.

17 A leave surcharge percentage will be assessed consistent with labor expenditures charged to the
 18 two programs (LF5610000 and LF5710000).

19 **COLLECTIONS OFFICES**

<u>State</u>	<u>Cost Centers</u>
20 Alaska	LLAK9F0000
21 Arizona	LLAZ934000
22 California	LLCA930000
23 Colorado	LLCO937000
24 Eastern States	LLES910000
25 Idaho	LLID916000
26 Montana	LLMT933000
27 New Mexico	LLNM931000
28 Nevada	LLNV913000
29 Oregon	LLOR934000
30 Utah	LLUT914000
31 Wyoming	LLWY914000
32 Fire & Aviation	LLFA940000

34 **FY Distribution Rate Table for State Assist collections**

35 The FY distribution rates for state assist collections is 55% suppression (LF4600000) and 45%
 36 Preparedness (LF4700000).

1 **COOPERATOR PAYMENTS**

- 2 Cooperator payments will be processed in accordance with WO IM 2016-109. When paying a
3 cooperator bill for a fire from another state, utilize your office code not the state where the fire
4 was located. This is to help someone looking for documentation know where to locate it.

**CHAPTER 13
POST WILDFIRE ACTIVITIES**

REFERENCES:

- Interagency Burned Area Emergency Response Guidebook, Interpretation of Department of the Interior 620 DM and USDA Forest Service Manual 2523, For the Emergency Stabilization of Federal and Tribal Trust Lands, Version 4.0 dated Feb. 2006.
<https://www.nps.gov/archeology/npsGuide/fire/docs/18%20Interagency%20BAER%20Handbook.pdf>
- BLM Handbook 1742-1 Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation -
<http://teamspace/sites-wo/wo200/esr/ESR%20web/Policy/h1742-1.pdf>
- Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Chapter 11
https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_redbook.html
- MS 1400-550 Pay Administration (Internal) <http://web.blm.gov/internal/wo-500/directives/dir-manu/1400-550.pdf>
- NWCG Standards for Interagency Incident Business Management -
<https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/902>

How do we code for assisting FS or DOI agencies with BAER implementation:

When requested to assist on the implementation of a FS BAER project, a project plan must be submitted and approved by the WO to authorize the use of Emergency Stabilization funding. When requested to assist another DOI bureau with Emergency Stabilization or Burned Area Rehab project implementation, the same process would need to be applied.

POST WILDFIRE CODING TABLES

FUNCTIONAL AREA	OVERTIME PAYCODE	DOC	REFERENCE MATERIAL
<p>LF20 – Wildfire Management Activity Damage Repair – Planned actions taken to repair the damages to resources, lands, and facilities resulting from wildfire suppression actions and documented in the Incident Action Plan. These actions are usually implemented prior to, or immediately after containment of the wildfire by the incident management organization. Repairs under this activity may be completed to return the value to pre-wildfire management activity condition as practical but may not improve the condition beyond what was existing prior to the incident.</p>	<p>113</p>	<p>*CTR, OF-288, OR fire field time sheet</p>	<p>*Reference MS 1400-550 Pay Administration</p>

FUNCTIONAL AREA	OVERTIME PAYCODE	DOC	REFERENCE MATERIAL
Urgency: Immediately after containment			
<p>LF22 - Emergency Stabilization Planned actions to stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to natural and cultural resources, to minimize threats to life or property resulting from the effects of a wildfire, or to repair/replace/construct physical improvements necessary to prevent degradation of land or resources. Emergency stabilization actions must be taken within one year following containment of a wildfire and documented in a Burned Area Emergency Response Plan.</p> <p>Urgency: 1-12 Months, 18 months for special circumstances</p>	113 Until plan approved	*CTR, OF-288, OR fire field time sheet	<p>*Reference MS 1400-550 Pay Administration</p> <p>*Documentation – Overtime Authorization required: QuickTime system OT Authorization (retained in the employee’s T&A records).</p> <p>*DOI OWF 2016-01 Policy Memo</p>
	110 After plan in approved	OT – T&A System request or written OT	
<p>LF32 – Burned Area Rehab –</p> <p>Rehabilitation - Efforts taken within three years of containment of a wildfire to repair or improve wildfire-damaged lands unlikely to recover naturally to management approved conditions, or to repair or replace minor facilities damaged by wildfire. These efforts are documented in a separate Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan.</p> <p>Restoration - Continuing the rehabilitation beyond the initial three years or the repair or replacement of major facilities damaged by the wildfire.</p> <p>Urgency: Rehabilitation 1-5 yrs / Restoration 5+ yrs</p>	110	Time – agency determined OT – T&A System request or written OT Authorization	<p>*Reference MS 1400-550 Pay Administration</p> <p>*Documentation – Overtime Authorization required: QuickTime system OT Authorization (retained in the employee’s T&A records).</p> <p>*DOI OWF 2016-01 Policy Memo</p>

1 **Quick Note:** We need to be cautious about how we interpret the terminology used by staff, they may not always use
 2 the appropriate terminology for identifying what they are doing when it comes to post fire activities. Good example
 3 is when we are working with our FS partners they use the BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) term which is
 4 utilized in the beginning phases of the planning cycle. We use the term ES (Emergency Stabilization) which is
 5 mostly consistent with FS BAER work. BAR (Burned Area Rehabilitation) (sometimes pronounced the same way)
 6 is a program that only DOI administers, with no counterpart in the FS wildland fire funding. The BAR program is

- 1 non-emergency/longer term resources degradation as the result of a wildfire. The program lead at the district/field
- 2 office will be well educated on which phase we are in for determining the Functional Area.

Post-Fire Activities					
Red Book		Suppression Repair	Emergency Stabilization	Rehabilitation	Restoration
	Objective:	Repair suppression damages	Protect life and property	Repair damages	Long Term Ecosystem Restoration
	Damage due to:	Suppression activities	Post-fire events	Fire	Fire
	Urgency:	1-12 months	1-12 months , up to 18 months in special circumstances	1-5 years	5 + years
	Responsibility	Agency Administrator	Agency Administrator	Agency Administrator	Agency Administrator
Funding type:	Suppression (fire)	Emergency Stabilization	Rehabilitation	Regular program	
References	Master Fire Agreement - BLM xxxx				
Funding	LF2000000 LFSPXXXX0000	LF2200000 LFESXXXX0000	LF3200000 LFBRXXXX0000	L1XXX LXSIXX0000	
Source Year	Ask FMO or Incident Business	Check with Budget	Check with Budget	Check with Budget	
Utilize ROSS for equipment, supplies, overhead, crews, aircraft	Yes – this is typically part of the IMT actions	Yes – possibly needed for events of regional/national significance, and human health or safety are at stake. Generally including members of the DOI National BAER teams	No – an approved plan is in place – same forms are utilized for damages and claims associated with fire suppression actions (e.g. damages should be documented on an OF-289)	No – an approved plan is in place – same forms are utilized for damages and claims associated with fire suppression actions (e.g. damages should be documented on an OF-289)	
Keep ROSS open until project complete	No – an approved plan is in place	No – an approved plan is in place	No – an approved plan is in place	No – an approved plan is in place	
NFES Cache Items	Orders will be placed with credit card or purchase order	Orders will be placed with credit card or purchase order	Orders will be placed with credit card or purchase order	Orders will be placed with credit card or purchase order	
Acquisitions	Non-Competitive	Potential for both Non-Competitive and Competitive	Competitive	Competitive	
VIPR and EERA Agreements	Yes	Possibly	No	No	
Time	OF-288 or CTR (OF-288 or CTR	OF-288 or CTR	OF-288 or CTR	
Agreement Required	No – Master Agreement authorizes	No – Master Agreement authorizes	Yes, Wyden Act authorizes reference guide	Yes, Wyden Act authorizes reference guide	

1 **CHAPTER 14**
2 **BILLING AND PAYMENTS**

3 **IMET BILLING AND PAYMENT PROCESS**

4 NIFC obligates funds under an agreement with NOAA using LF2000000.HU0000 and the WBS
5 LFSP99990000. When NOAA employees respond to a DOI fire, a billing package is submitted
6 to the BLM National Incident Business Lead. The BLM National Incident Business Lead
7 forwards the bill to the office responsible for the fire to review. When approval to pay is
8 received, the BLM National Incident Business Lead notifies NOAA to initiate an IPAC. Once
9 the IPAC is completed, a Journal Voucher is processed to move the payment to the appropriate
10 fire WBS.

11 **STATE BILLS FOR OUT OF STATE FIRES**

12 When our state partners get called out of state to assist on a BLM incident, the state is instructed
13 to bill the BLM office in the state where they have their agreement. The agreement between the
14 FBMG State Leads is that each has the authority to review and pay those bills without sending
15 them to the state where the fire occurred for review.