

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)
BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST
SERVICE AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Subject

Interagency Fire Operations Serious Incident/Accident Investigation

Background

Based on the 1995 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)/United States Department of the Interior (DOI) MOU, interagency serious fire accident investigations will be conducted cooperatively between the USDA Forest Service (FS) and DOI.

Purpose



It is recognized that each Department currently implements different processes for serious accident investigation. It is agreed that the Team Leader and appropriate accident investigation protocol will normally be determined per the FS-DOI Team Leader and Process Selection Criteria document. The Joint Delegation of Authority template will be utilized as the format for the Joint Delegation of Authority Letter.

Duration

This MOA shall be in effect from the date of signature by both parties until 15 April 2020 at which time this MOA can be reviewed and renewed as appropriate.

Implementation Instructions

This MOA is effective upon signature by all parties. Point of contact for administration of the MOA for USDA FS is Steven Schlientz, Director, USDA/FS Office of Safety and Occupational Health, and for Department of Interior, Barry Noll, Chief, Division of Safety, Evaluations, and Voluntary Protection Programs.

 _____ Lenise Lago USDA/Forest Service Deputy Chief for Business Operations Designated Agency Safety Health Official	Date: <u>4/10/2015</u>	 _____ Mary Pletcher Department of Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Capital and Diversity Designated Agency Safety Health Official	Date: <u>4/7/2015</u>
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Attachments

1995 USDA/DOI Memorandum of Understanding (10/26/1995)
FS/DOI Investigation Team Leader and Process Selection Criteria
Template Joint Delegation of Authority Letter Template