

# New Mexico Interagency Coordinating Group



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**Directed To:** New Mexico Zone Chairs (Rich Nieto – ABZ, Jack Dickey – GLZ, Chad Stewart – PEZ, Jesus Lucero – SNZ, Carl Romnes – TAZ)

**From:** Chair, New Mexico Interagency Coordinating Group (NMICG)

**Topic/Issue:** FY08 Fuels Project Collaboration and Edits to the Zone Smoke Collaboration Plans (REPLY REQUESTED)

One of the purposes of NMICG is to insure that regular interagency fuels collaboration occurs in New Mexico according to the interagency Memorandum of Understanding for the Development of a Collaborative Fuels Treatment Program. Linked to that are the processes lined out by the Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) in their November 22, 2005 memo:

[http://qacc.nifc.gov/swcc/swcg/operations/memorandums/documents/nm\\_zone\\_collaborate\\_&\\_smoke.pdf](http://qacc.nifc.gov/swcc/swcg/operations/memorandums/documents/nm_zone_collaborate_&_smoke.pdf)

SWCG has asked NMICG to facilitate the New Mexico interagency collaboration process. The April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline stated in the memo may not be the best time to gather the upcoming fiscal year information and we have not received these updates from the zones. There may have also been some confusion with the development of the Zone Smoke Coordination Plans. Hopefully the zone level interagency fuels groups have been discussing FY08 treatments with each other.

We ask all zone chairs to please forward your list of FY08 projects that you have collaborated on to Donald Griego, New Mexico State Forestry, (phone 505-476-3349), email ([donald.griego@state.nm.us](mailto:donald.griego@state.nm.us)), who will act as a repository of the collaborative lists for NMICG. Please forward the FY08 lists as soon as possible, but no later than October 1, 2007. The collaborative lists should be relatively simple to put together and should follow the attached template. It is expected that zone chairs would continue this into the next following fiscal years (i.e. FY09 list due no later than 10/1/08, FY10 list due no later than 10/1/09, etc.)

For the Zone Smoke Coordination Plans please work with your NMICG zone representative to finalize your plan. Things to add/change/update include: life of the plan (minimum of 3 years, maximum of 5 with a yearly review), a copy sent yearly to the NMICG chair, signature page will be the zone chair only, air sheds listed for each agency in the zone, possible coordination with neighboring zones outside of NM (AZ, Co and TX), and an operational plan that will include the calendar year prescribed fires. See the attachment for what is required in this. The final due date for these are June 1, 2007. The NMICG representatives to each zone are: ABZ – Emily Irwin, SNZ – Lisa Bye, GLZ – Mark Kaib, TAZ – Donald Griego, PEZ – Bob Lineback.

Thanks for your cooperation. Feel free to call me at 505-476-3349, or vice-chair Lisa Bye, 505-438-7500, or any NMICG agency representative if you have any questions.

**/s/ Donald Griego**

Chair, New Mexico Interagency Coordinating Group