



**Southwest Coordination Group  
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**2003 Wildland Fire Season Memorandum**

**Directed to:** All Federal and State Fire Management Units in the Southwest Area

**From:** Chair, Southwest Coordination Group

**Topic/Issue:** Mt. Taylor IHC and Zuni IHC Certification

At the October meeting of the Southwest Coordination Group we received recommendations of acceptance of meeting national certification requirements from the USDA Forest Service for the Mt. Taylor Interagency Hotshot Crew and USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Zuni Interagency Hotshot Crew. Upon our review, we concur with the agency recommendations and approve both crews as being fully qualified as Southwest sponsored National Interagency Hotshot Crews.

The crews were established in fire season 2001 as training crews and have worked hard since that time to be certified to national standards. The performance of both crews has been exemplary and they have fully met the national certification requirements. We are very proud of our Southwest National Interagency Hotshot Crews and welcome the Mt. Taylor and Zuni Hotshot Crews into that proud tradition.

**/s/ William C. Waterbury for**

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