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**May 17, 2010**

**To:** **New Mexico Zone Chairs** (Todd Richards – ABZ, Camerion Tongier – GLZ, James Villard – PEZ, Eugene Pino – SNZ, Pat Pacheco – TAZ)

**From:** **Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG)**

**Topic/Issue:** **2010 Zone Smoke Collaboration Plans (REPY REQUESTED)**

As you know each year, the Zone Smoke Coordination Plans will be reviewed and updated. 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 (electronically), 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 July 1, 2010. The zones should use these operational plans for coordination when planning actual burn dates to minimize the smoke impacts to local and surrounding communities. This will also mitigate smoke impacts when resource benefit fires occur at the same time as prescribed fires.

To help the zones complete their operational plans, the NMICG is working with the Air Quality Bureau to compile a statewide list. The NMICG Chair will sort the list by agency and zone and forward that to the appropriate NMICG agency representative and zone chair. The zone chair will be responsible for compiling the lists for their zone and attaching the list to the Zone Smoke Coordination plan for the year. Please work with your NMICG zone representative to finalize your plan. Forward your completed plan and list to Lisa Bye (lisa\_bye@blm.gov) and Claudia Standish (claudia\_standish@blm.gov).

This is a short turnaround time on completing this task. If you do not have a face-to-face meeting scheduled, please try to schedule a zone conference call to finalize your 2010 Zone Smoke Plan.

The submittal for the 2011 and future Zone Smoke Plans will be March 1. All burners will be encouraged to register their burns as early as possible to become part of the yearly attachment to the plan.

Taos Zone Liaison – Donald Griego	Pecos Zone Liaison – Jeff Hickerson
Santa Fe Zone Liaison – Lisa Bye	Albuquerque Zone Liaison – Emily Irwin
Gila Zone Liaison – Cameron Tongier	

Thanks for your cooperation. Feel free to contact Lisa Bye at 505-438-7500, or vice-chair Hal Luedtke, 505-563-3303, or any NMICG agency representative if you have any questions.

**/S/ Donald Griego**  
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**Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group**

