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**Date:** 11/06/2009

**To:** Taos Zone Agency Administrators, Zone Fire Management Officers, Fire Staffs, Zone Coordinating Group Members and Taos Interagency Dispatch Center Manager

**From:** SW Coordinating Group Members (NM State Forestry, NM Bureau of Land Management, BIA Southwestern Region, and Region 3 Forest Service)

**Subject:** New Expectations for Taos Zone Coordinating Group and Taos Interagency Dispatch Center

In June of 2009 an interagency group was assembled to review the Taos Interagency Dispatch Center (TDC). A number of suggestions were made by this group that we believe are important for the TDC to adopt to improve the efficiency and delivery of services by the TDC. An upcoming national BLM review next year will revisit and review the TDC. Given the responsibility of the SWCG to ensure efficient and safe interagency operations in the SW Geographic Area, we have an interest in ensuring that all interagency dispatch centers provide the necessary services in an efficient manner to our participating agencies and comply with agency reviews. Thus we sent you a memo earlier this summer outlining some recommendations. The TDC Chairman on 8/24 responded to the SWCG, however we are requesting the following items for the SWCG to review to ensure sufficient progress is being made to our earlier recommendations.

1. Please furnish the Agency Administrators expectations for the Taos Zone. It may be useful for an assigned AA to facilitate or participate in future zone dispatch board meeting to ensure expectations for the zone are occurring.
2. A copy of all the missing or incomplete data identified in the review including, Interagency Zone Operating Plans, Dispatch Center SOPs, Aviation Plans, Center Manager Delegation of Authority and all other required documents listed in the Dispatch Review Checklist #10.
3. All items in #1 and #2 should be compiled and sent to Donald Griego by November 30, 2009.

The SWCG is hopeful that all deficiencies will be resolved prior to the upcoming fire season and the national BLM fire review. The SWCG will continue to monitor TDC center closely and interact as necessary with zone partners as needed. Please contact Donald Griego (SWCG Chair and Taos Zone SWCG Liaison) at 505-476-3349 if you have any questions, issues or concerns.

/S/ Donald Griego

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**Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group**

