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Date: September 16, 2011
To: Chair, Northern Rockies Coordinating Group
From: Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group
Subject: Southwest Area Wildland Fire Management Team

I am writing to notify you and the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group of the decision by the Southwest Coordinating Group (SWCG) to relinquish its oversight of the shared Wildland Fire Management Team (WFMT).

The Southwest Coordinating Group still supports the intent of the WFMT mission. However, we feel the administration and management oversight of the WFMT would be more efficient with a single Coordinating Group. The respective Agencies making up the SWCG will continue to support personnel within the Southwest with being members of the WFMT. If you have any questions please call me at (602) 379-6798 or email me at Leon.Ben@bia.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LWB", is written over a horizontal line.

Leon W. Ben, Jr.
Chair, Southwest Coordinating Group