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To: State and Center Directors
From: Deputy Assistant Director (NIFC), Fire and Aviation
Subject: All-Hazard Incidents – National Response Framework (NRF) Emergency Support Function Number 4 (ESF#4) (Firefighting)

Program Area: All-Hazard Incidents – ESF#4 (Firefighting)

Purpose: The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM), Change 1 is to correct and update the name National Response Plan (NRP) to National Response Framework (NRF). It also is to provide administrative direction (base 8, overtime, accountable property, charge card purchases, and documentation) to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees assigned to all-hazard incidents in support of the NRF ESF#4.

This IM does not apply to other emergency support functions, as described in the NRF, or to those employees deployed directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Policy/Action: The attachment provides instructions and guidance as it applies to BLM employees deployed under ESF#4.

Timeframe: This IM is effective immediately.

Budget Impact: The total budget impact is unknown, due to ongoing discussions with FEMA regarding reimbursement of costs. However, it may be significant if documentation is not provided in a timely manner. In addition, the workload to compile required documentation is significant.

Background: In a major disaster or emergency, as defined in the Stafford Act, the President “may direct any Federal agency, with or without reimbursement, to utilize its authorities and the resources granted to it under Federal law (including personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, and managerial, technical, and advisory services) in support of State and local assistance

efforts...” (Sections 402 (a) (1) and 502(a) (1) of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5170a (1) and 5192(a) (1).

The Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5) directed the development of a NRF to align Federal coordination structures, capabilities, and resources into a unified, all-discipline, and all-hazards approach to domestic incident management. Under the NRF, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is a supporting agency to ESF#4. The primary agency and coordinator for ESF#4 is the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service. When ESF#4 is activated in support of other ESFs, DOI agencies are sub-tasked by the USDA Forest Service to assist with responsibilities tasked to ESF#4. The ESF#4 uses established firefighting and support organizations, processes, and procedures as outlined in the National Mobilization Guide. Because of the unique skills and experiences of the wildland fire agencies, most sub-tasks under ESF#4 involve logistical and managerial support to other ESFs. The ultimate goal of the NRF and the ESF is to save lives, minimize damage, and provide the basis for long-term community recovery and mitigation activities.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: No manuals or handbooks are affected by this IM.

Coordination: The information in this IM does not require any coordination.

Contact: All questions on the FEMA billing process should be referred to Kris King, Budget Technician, 208-387-5357, or Cindy Callahan, Budget Analyst, 208-387-5355. Any policy questions should be referred to Hallie Locklear, National Incident Business Lead, 208-387-5166.

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1 Attachment:

1 – BLM Guidance for Deployment of All-Hazard Incidents under ESF#4

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