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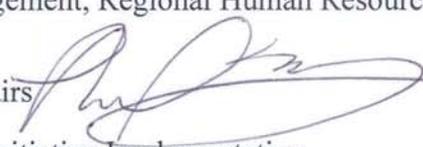
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## Memorandum

To: Regional Directors  
Attention: Forestry/Fire Management, Regional Human Resources  
Agency Superintendents

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs 

Subject: Tribal Resource Management Initiative Implementation

This memorandum is to inform Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Regional Offices of the FY 2015 President's Budget on the Wildland Fire Tribal Resource Management Initiative (TRM). The Tribal Resource Management Initiative is a \$25 million dollar increase to the Bureau's Wildland Fire Management (WFM) Apportionment received through the Department of the Interior, Office of Wildland Fire.

This increase targets three areas in the WFM program. The TRM Initiative includes Bureau increases to both Preparedness and Fuels Management programs. In the Preparedness program we could see increased funding to Contract Support Costs (Indirect Costs), Program Administration and Workforce Development. In addition, the Fuels Program may see additional funding for Landscape Restoration activities which address specific tribal fuels management priorities.

The Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management is currently developing an implementation strategy for the proposed funding increases outlined in the FY 15 WFM program. To accomplish this task, we request Forestry and Wildland Fire Management staff submit current organization charts for the regional and agency WFM programs to the Branch of Wildland Fire Management by May 14, 2014. These will be used to determine where additional staffing may be funded to address current program management deficiencies, according to the approved framework of the TRM initiative.

The Branch of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management will coordinate with your Region during this analysis phase, providing strategies for Regional increases to staffing or other resources. Once a strategy is developed, you will be notified of any staffing increases in your Region as well as a budget allocation plan.

Attached is a summary sheet highlighting the FY 15 TRM initiative. Please address your questions and concerns to Mr. Lyle Carlile, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire Management at (208) 387-5697 or at [robert.carlile@bia.gov](mailto:robert.carlile@bia.gov).

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