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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs 

Subject: Clarification on Authorities and Implementation of the Wildland Fire Cooperative Agreement Template (*Report No. ER-IN-BIA-0016-2009*)

This memorandum is to clarify that Regional Acquisitions Management will be responsible for awarding Cooperative Agreements pursuant to the attached September 6, 2013, memorandum (memorandum).

In the memorandum, this office directs the use of the standardized cooperative agreement template when Pub. L. 93-638 contractors and Title IV self-governance tribes provide fire management services using non-recurring Federal funds. The memorandum also establishes a September 30, 2014, implementation date.

Regional Offices indicated that clarification was needed regarding who has authority under the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act (NIFRMA) to award the Cooperative Agreements. This determination was completed in April of 2014, delaying the establishment of the agreements.

The policy and deadline established under the memorandum has not changed. This memorandum directs Regional Acquisitions Management to use the standardized template to award Cooperative Agreements. Any revisions to the template, outside of the sections that are designed (in red) to be changed, require approval by the appropriate Solicitor's Office.

In addition, all fire management programs that are now operating under Pub. L. 93-638 contracts or Title IV self-governance funding agreements must have an approved Cooperative Agreement in place by September 30, 2014. Regional Offices that cannot meet this deadline must submit a request for an extension to the Bureau Director by June 16, 2014.

Please direct any questions to Lyle Carlile, Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, at (208) 387-5697 or robert_carlile@bia.gov.

Attachment