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**Bureau of Indian Affairs
Office of Trust Services
Division of Forestry and Wildland Fire Management**

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Title: Revised Requirements for Forest Management Plans (FMP) for Category 3 and 4 Forested Reservations

1. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to revise Indian Affairs (IA) policy regarding requirements for Forest Management Plans (FMP) for Category 3 and 4 Forested Reservations. This memorandum modifies the following requirements in the Indian Affairs Manual (IAM) Part 53, issued September 1, 2006:

- Chapter 2, 2.8 FMP Content, B. Minimum Content Standards (FMP Planning)
- Chapter 8, 8.5 page 2, A. Forest Inventory for Management Planning & Trust Monitoring (Planning Inventory)
- Chapter 8, 8.6 page 5 Minimum Content Standards for a Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA)

These changes are effective immediately and will be made permanent in the Indian Affairs Manual, Part 53 Chapters 2 and 8, in the next update.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Forest Management Planning and Plan Development on Indian Forest Lands for Categories 3 & 4 Forested Reservations and may apply to Category 5 Forested Reservations.

3. Policy

The following changes are hereby made to requirements currently in 53 IAM 2 and 53 IAM 8 for Category 3 & 4 Forested Reservations, Minimum Requirements for Forest Management Plans:

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A. The Table in 53 IAM 2 Forest Management Planning, Section 2.8 B. (page 3) is modified as follows for Category 3 & 4 Forested Reservations:

Program Function	Category 3	Category 4
Inventory	No change	No change
Approvals	No change	No change
Tribal Goals & Objectives	Same as Cat. 1 or BIA for custodial plans	Same as Cat. 1 or BIA for custodial plans
Forest Description	No change	No change
Protection	No change	No change
Forest Land Management	No change	No change
Forest History	No change	No change
Social and Economic Benefit Assessments	Not required	No change
Document Retention	No change	No change
Other Federal Mandates	No change	No change

B. The Table displayed in 53 IAM 8, Inventory and Monitoring (Planning Inventory), Section 8.5 A. (page 2) is modified as follows for Category 3 & 4 Forested Reservations:

	Category 3	Category 4
Scheduling	As necessary for plan	No change
Design	Regional Discretion	Regional Discretion
Mapping Requirements	No change	No change
Accuracy of Inventory and Trust Monitoring (Sampling Error at 1 Standard Deviation)	Regional Discretion	No change
Data	Regional Discretion	Regional Discretion
Analysis	Regional Discretion	Regional Discretion
Quality Control	Regional Discretion	No change
Document Retention	No change	No change

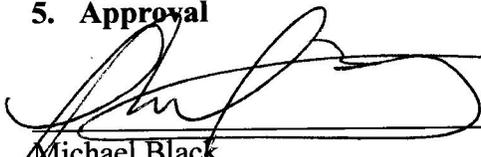
C. The Table displayed in 53 IAM 8, Section 8.6 Minimum Content Standards for a Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) (page 5) is modified as follows for Category 3 & 4 Forested Reservations:

	Category 3	Category 4
Approval	No change	No change
Preface	No change	No change
Synopsis	No change	No change
Description of Forest	No change	No change
Summary of Results	No change	No change
Compilation and Analysis of Data	No change	No change
Recommendations	Regional Discretion	No change
Appendix	Regional Discretion	No change

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs is responsible for the development of National Policy affecting Indian trust resources.
- B. Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operation is responsible for oversight of the Regional Directors and disseminating policy to them.
- C. Deputy Bureau Director - Office of Trust Services is responsible for providing support to Division of Forestry, and for oversight and dissemination of Trust policy and information to Regional Foresters.
- D. Regional Directors are responsible for the protection and sound management of the resources held in trust by the United States for Indian tribes. They are responsible for carrying out policy as directed, and for overseeing the implementation of policy either directly or via Agency Superintendents.

5. Approval


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 Date