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To: All Regional Directors, All Regions
   Attention: Forestry/Fire Management

From: Director, Branch of Wildland Fire Management

Subject: Delegation of C-Faller Program to Brian Billie, Navajo IHC Squad Leader

The Bureau of Indian Affairs C-Faller Program has been managed by the National Office Training Section since it was established in 2001. In an effort to “decentralize” this function and provide a national leadership opportunity for our field staff, we are appointing Mr. Brian Billie, Squad Leader, Navajo Interagency Hotshot Crew, to manage this program.

Mr. Billie is qualified to manage this program due to his involvement with the C-Faller Program and Interagency Hotshot Crews. He has been relied on to provide highly qualified fallers advanced saw training to mitigate complex or large diameter trees on the fireline. Brian is certified as a “C-Faller Certifier”, which is the highest level among faller certifications. He will be relied on to provide program leadership and support the delivery of National C-Faller training and workshops.

Mr. Billie can be contacted at 928.729.7391 (work), 928.310.1442 (cell) or navajoijhc@hotmail.com. He will assume the role of National Certification Officer for the C-Faller Program and should be considered the principal point of contact for questions pertaining to the program.

If you have any questions pertaining to this transfer of command, please contact Mr. Dave Koch at 208.387.5577.

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