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## Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors

Attention: Regional Fire Management Officers

Branch Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Notification of Five-Year Schedule for Regional Wildland Fire Management

Preparedness Program Reviews

<u>Purpose:</u> Update the five-year schedule for regional Wildland Fire Preparedness Program Reviews, in accordance with recommendation 3 contained within the Office of the Inspector General's (OIG) Independent Report on the "Bureau of Indian Affairs Wildland Fire Suppression" (Report No. ER-IN-BIA-0016-2009; hereafter referred to as Report).

<u>Background:</u> On December 28, 2012, the Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, signed a directive memorandum requiring the Branch of Wildland Fire Management (Branch) ensure all regions have a Preparedness Program Review and a Fiscal Accountability Review at least once every five years. At the time, the Branch's intention was to administer one Preparedness Program Review and one Fiscal Accountability Review in two separate regions each year.

<u>Policy:</u> The Branch maintains elements of both program reviews in Chapter 18 of the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book) and will update guidance in 2020. Preparedness Program Review Checklists are accessible at: <a href="https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol\_ref\_intgncy\_prepcheck\_BIA.html">https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol\_ref\_intgncy\_prepcheck\_BIA.html</a>.

<u>Proposed Schedule:</u> The following updates the 2012 Regional Wildland Fire Management Preparedness Program Review Schedule through the year 2025.

	Spring Reviews		Fall Reviews	
Year	Region	Best Dates	Region	Best Dates
2019	No Reviews		RMR	2/12 - 2/25
2020	GPR	2/12 - 2/25	SWR	11/5 - 11/18
2021	NAR	2/12 - 2/25	PAR	11/5 - 11/18
2022	NWR	2/12 - 2/25	EAR	10/8 - 10/21
2023	EOR/SPR	4/23 - 5/6	AKR	9/10 - 9/23
2024	WER	1/29 - 2/11	MWR	11/5 - 11/18
2025	No Reviews		RMR	2/12 - 2/25

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