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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors

From: ^{Acting} Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Direction for Regional Participation in BWFM Reserved Treaty Rights Lands Project Reviews

The BIA Branch of Wildland Fire Management Fuels Management Program is reviewing projects funded through the Reserved Treaty Rights Lands Program (RTRL). These reviews affect wildland fire fuels activities at Regional and Agency offices.

Regional Directors and staff are asked to cooperate and to help facilitate these reviews. The goals of the reviews are to examine and provide focused discussions concerning Reserved Treaty Rights Lands project development, implementation, fiscal management, and reporting in order to improve and advance the RTRL initiative.

The BWFM Fuels Management Program is focused on improving the RTRL program by identifying issues and concerns by regional, agency, and tribal personnel. Active Regional participation during the review process will ensure that agencies and tribes provide helpful feedback that will lead to a more efficient RTRL program.

The BWFM will be reaching out to Regional Fuels Specialists in August to arrange and schedule on-site reviews in the months of September through December. Additional dates for reviews in 2020 may be requested to complete reviews in all regions.

If you have any questions please contact Mark Jackson, Director of Fuels Management, at (208) 387-5041 or email james.jackson@bia.gov.