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## Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors  
Attention: All Agency Superintendents  
Regional Fire Management Officers  
Agency Fire Management Officers  
Branch Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Subject: New Wildfire Prevention Planning and Reporting Requirements

This memorandum announces the new wildfire prevention planning software application. Indian Country wildfire prevention program development and planning has largely been based on the use of Risk Assessment Mitigation Strategies (RAMS) software. This software has become obsolete and unusable due to advances in computer operating systems. As a result, the Branch of Wildland Fire Management has led an interagency effort in the development of the Wildfire Prevention Spatial Assessment and Planning Strategies (WPSAPS) software application. WPSAPS integrates the ability to plan and report wildfire prevention program activities and accomplishments as required in 90 IAM 5 Wildfire Prevention.

This policy and direction becomes effective January 1, 2021, and applies until modified or rescinded. This date coincides with the release date of the WPSAPS software application.

WPSAPS will be used to develop, plan and report all wildfire prevention program accomplishments. Transition of BIA and Tribal wildfire prevention programs into the WPSAPS software application ***will be completed by January 1, 2022***. Training in the operation and use of WPSAPS is required for wildfire prevention program leaders and personnel. Virtual training for users is scheduled for February, March, April and May. Please contact your Regional Prevention Specialist for specific training information.

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