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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: Forestry/Fire Management/Natural Resources/Contracting

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Integration of Secretarial Order (SO) 3372

Tribal forest, woodland and rangeland management priorities are essential, unique and vital for ecosystem health and maintaining cultural values essential to the lifeblood of tribal communities. Integration of SO 3372 into BIA Forestry, Fuels, Natural Resource Management and supporting Divisions policies affords significant opportunity and flexibility to improve and account for trust resource management. BIA philosophy and policies clearly support inclusion of SO 3372 as another essential management component for BIA and tribes; as such we are directing the following:

1. All BIA Forestry, Wildland Fuels/Fire, Natural Resource and support organizations will expand or initiate collaboration amongst programs and integrate all concepts and implementation of SO 3372 Active Management into current and future management policy(s), action(s) and activities to the greatest extent possible. Programs will share accomplishments and continue to report per established policy and guidelines.
2. Regional Fuels programs are responsible for the coordination with applicable programs to ensure program related planning and accomplishments are recorded in the National Fire Plan Operations and Reporting System (NFPORS) and the data is entered by the date requested. Forestry and Nature Resources will continue to report planning and accomplishments as directed by their current policy.
3. The BIA Director of Fuels Management will evaluate and may adapt current administrative and budgetary policy, guidelines and procedures in order to fully integrate SO 3372 into the BIA Fuels program.

This policy does not preclude BIA personnel from efficiently utilizing funds or avoiding excessive carryover and will remain in effect until rescinded or modified.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this matter, please contact J. "Mark" Jackson, Director, Fuels Management, at (208) 387-5041 or at james.jackson@bia.gov.

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