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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: All Agency Superintendents
Regional Fire Management Officers
Agency Fire Management Officers

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Adjustment and update of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) current National Model 52 and all other Wildland Fire Engine Fleet

Purpose: This memorandum is issued to provide direction on adjusting current Model 52 and all other Wildland Fire Engine Fleet to meet current organizational needs and maximize fleet inventory.

Background: On September 25, 2019, a memorandum was issued directing the Wildland Fire Engine Property to remain at their assigned Units as documented in the 2005 Allocation Model for a one-year period. This direction was taken to account for and perform a needs assessment to realign the distribution of the BIA's Wildland Fire Engine Fleet.

Policy: Effective immediately:

1. This policy applies to all Wildland Fire Engines owned by the BIA of all types that are in use or in support of wildland fire management and its activities independent of their acquisition process or associated funding.
2. Regions and Agencies, as needed, should identify the need, and transfer any Wildland Fire Engines (Engines) among their respective Agencies to meet their needs for Wildland Fire Management, ensuring the movement of the Engines are aligned with Preparedness staffing capabilities. The Branch of Wildland Fire Management (BWFM) has only maintained inventory and replacement of Model 52 Engines. For reference, an inventory list of BWFM Model 52 Engines can be viewed at <https://doimsp.sharepoint.com/:x/s/FireOperationsSection/EZjBbSN1hjNHIG9k7h6sQRsB-5E-fCuwZPC1NLnK6KDEZw?e=WMTbrW>.
3. Regions and Agencies may negotiate Engine transfers to Agencies outside of their respective Regional jurisdiction if the negotiation and transfer is approved by the Regional Directors and documented in a memorandum between the Regional Directors.

4. Regions and Agencies should identify what Engines will be determined Primary and Auxiliary. Primary Engines are those that are staffed with Preparedness funded staffing and are planned for use primarily for Preparedness and wildland fire response as a base function. Auxiliary Engines are those that are used for Fuels Management needs and/or staffed with militia or Administratively Determined (AD) employees.
 - a. Primary Engines should be the newest in the fleet. Primary Engines will be managed by the BWFM Engine Program on a replacement cycle to ensure serviceable Engines that meet current safety and operational standards are in operation.
 - b. Auxiliary Engines should be the older Engines in the fleet. Auxiliary Engines will not be managed nor planned for any replacement by the Branch of Wildland Fire Management's Engine Program. Please note that Auxiliary Engines may be considered for replacement through other planning and financial means and processed through the BWFM Engine Program.
5. All Engine transfers must follow Department of the Interior and BIA guidelines and be coordinated with Custodial/Property Management, i.e. sending/receiving unit Administrative Officers.
6. All Engine transfers should be completed by August 20, 2021, and the following data provided to the BWFM's Planning Program for all Engines in operation for Wildland Fire Management:
 - a. Primary Response, Auxiliary, Disposal
 - b. License Plate Number
 - c. Year/Make/Model
 - d. Vin Number
 - e. Engine Type
 - f. Engine Number
 - g. Excessing and Receiving Locations
 - h. Copies of memorandums documenting Line Officer approvals
7. If any Engines are identified as not being Primary or Auxiliary and/or have met their useful life cycle, they will be marked for disposal. The BWFM Engine Program will coordinate with the respective Region and Agency to dispose of the Engine. If the Engine is sold, the proceeds will be collected by the BWFM to be used for future Engine acquisitions.

By October 1, 2021, the BWFM will distribute to the Regions a new Fire Engine Fleet Inventory to ensure we have accounted for all Engines and work to continually improve our Wildland Fire Fleet and ensure it meets operational needs and meet safety and operational industry standards.

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