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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors

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

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Subject: Notification of Review Schedule in response to Office of Inspector General's Independent Report on the "Bureau of Indian Affairs Wildland Fire Suppression" (Report No. ER-IN-BIA-0016-2009)

Purpose:

This memorandum is a notification that reviews of Regional Wildland fire programs will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Fire Center (BIA-NIFC) as required by recommendation 3, contained within OIG Report No. ER-IN-BIA-0016-2009.

Background:

OIG Report No. ER-IN-BIA-0016-2009, Recommendation 3 states, "BIA Headquarters should conduct regularly scheduled fire preparedness reviews of regional offices. Regions should be reviewed at least every 5 years, although more frequently would be preferable."

Policy:

BIA-NIFC will develop and implement a schedule that will ensure all regions have a fiscal and budget accountability review at least every five years. BIA-NIFC's implementation intentions are to administer one preparedness review and one fiscal accountability review in two separate regions every year. BIA-NIFC has developed a comprehensive fiscal and budget accountability process for utilization during regional preparedness reviews that are documented under the closed Recommendations 4 and 5 of the OIG report. Elements of the preparedness and fiscal reviews will be outlined in the next revision of Wildland Fire and Aviation Program Management and Operations Guide (Blue Book). Codifying this process in the BIA Blue Book will also adhere to recommendation 3.

BIA-NIFC will work with the Regions to coordinate and schedule these required reviews. Please contact Lyle Carlile, Director, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, at (208) 387-5697 for additional information.