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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors, All Regions
Attention: Forestry/Fire Management

From: Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management 

Subject: National Wildfire Coordinating (NWCG) Group Unit Identifiers

The NWCG Unit Identifier (Unit ID) database has been updated for bureau/tribal fire programs. This is the official source for all fire management systems using Unit IDs. Any request for the creation of a new Unit ID must be made by official memorandum from the Unit's Regional Office to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Interagency Fire Center (BIA-NIFC), Attention: BIA Unit ID custodian. The memorandum should state the Unit's official name, the new Unit ID they would like, why they need an ID (i.e. archive fire occurrence, track personnel qualifications, dispatch resources, etc.), and a contact name and number at the Unit.

Although Unit ID additions or removals are allowed, modifying existing Unit IDs is NOT allowed. Requests to create a new, or remove an old Unit ID should not be made directly to the Geographic Area (GA) data custodian. The BIA Unit ID custodian will coordinate the request with the representative GA data custodian. Refer to the NWCG Unit Identifier System User Manual for specific guidelines on creating and using Unit Identifiers. The web address is: http://www.nifc.blm.gov/nsdu/unit_id/

Please contact Mr. John Barborinas, BIA Unit ID Custodian, at 970/563-9483 (office) or 970/903-3499 (cell) with any questions.

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