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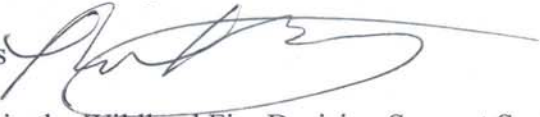
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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: Forestry and Wildland Fire Management

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs 

Subject: Delegation of Wildfire Decisions in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS)

This memorandum provides updated policy for Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Line Officers regarding approval delegations for Wildfire Decisions in the Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS).

All BIA Agency Superintendents and Regional Directors are required to maintain WFDSS user profiles and approve wildfire decisions documented in WFDSS. The purpose of this is to ensure that line officers are aware of the impacts of fire on trust resources and the cost of fire suppression activities.

Superintendents will approve all decisions in WFDSS for fires costing up to \$5 million dollars. Regional Directors will approve all decisions in WFDSS for fires exceeding \$5 million dollars.

Current policy requiring the Bureau Director to approve decisions over \$10 million dollars is hereby delegated to the Regional Directors. However, Regional Directors must notify the Bureau Director when individual fires are anticipated to exceed \$10 million dollars in cost.

Please consult with your Regional Forestry and Wildland Fire Management staff to ensure you are in compliance with this requirement. If there are additional questions please contact Lyle Carlile, Branch Director, Wildland Fire Management at (208) 387-5697 or at robert.carlile@bia.gov.