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Division of Forestry and Wildland
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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: Forestry and Wildland Fire Management, and Human Resources

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs 

Subject: Tribal Resource Management Initiative Implementation

In FY 2015 the Bureau of Indian Affairs received additional preparedness funding in the amount of \$15 million dollars to fund the Tribal Resource Management Initiative (TRM). This Departmental priority represents an increase to the BIA's base preparedness fire funding which is expected to continue in FY 2016 and subsequent fiscal years.

The funding increase will focus on improving the following areas within the preparedness program: Contract Support Costs (\$7 million), Fire Program Administrative Support (\$2 million), and Workforce Development (\$6 million).

In order for the BIA to meet the intent of the TRM initiative, the Branch of Wildland Fire Management will be conducting conference calls with Regional Forestry and Wildland Fire Management staff. The additional TRM funding has tracking and reporting requirements that the BIA must have in place prior to regional allocations.

Please ensure your regional Forestry and Wildland Fire management staff are available for conference calls and additional staff work necessary to implement this initiative.

Any additional questions or comments can be directed to Aaron Baldwin, Branch Chief, Wildland Fire Management, at (208) 387-5697 or at aaron.baldwin@bia.gov.