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Memorandum

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

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

Subject: Solicitation of Nationally Sponsored Handcrews and Crew Support

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is providing Regions, Agency and Tribal wildland fire management programs the opportunity to host a Type 2 Initial Attack (T2IA) crew or a Type 2 crew. The national office will not accept proposals to establish Interagency Hotshots Crews.

The BIA's Wildland Fire Management Program continues to struggle with multiple vacancies in all aspects of the program. However, the initial attempt through the Tribal Resource Management initiative (TRM) to fill vacant positions has created challenges by not having a well-qualified entry level wildland fire management program. In order for the BIA to be successful in our mission to protect trust resources from wildland fire we must build sustainable leadership. This goal will be fulfilled by supporting workforce development through sponsoring handcrews.

If a unit is selected to host a crew, the crew will be designed as a "training crew" and crews will be used for suppression, fuels, emergency stabilization, Burned Area Rehabilitation, and forestry activities. Proposals are due 30 days after signature of this memorandum. Proposals submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

If you have questions regarding proposals please contact Dalan Romero, Fire Operations Director, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, at (208) 387-5372 or at dalan.romero@bia.gov.

Attachments (5):

- Criteria for Crew proposals
- Crew Minimum Standards for National Mobilization, 2016
- Standard Crew Composition and Cost
- Crew and Personnel Equipment Cost
- Personnel Training Requirements