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## Memorandum

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

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs 

Subject: Selection of Nationally Sponsored Handcrews and Crew Support

This memorandum is follow-up to the May 25, 2016 Solicitation of Nationally Sponsored Handcrews and Crew Support. The Branch of Wildland Fire Management (BWFM) received twenty proposals requesting crew sponsorship.

The BIA would like to thank all programs for their submissions and the dedication to workforce development. The BIA BWFM reviewed each submission with assistance from the Regional Offices based on the five basic criteria stated in the original solicitation memorandum.

- Long-Term Sustainability Plan
- Administrative Support Capability
- Facility Infrastructure to Support a Crew
- Career Development and Training of Crew Personnel
- Develop and maintain Standard Compliance

Based on the criteria, the three locations selected were:

- 1) Bay Mills Indian Community
- 2) Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- 3) Yakama Nation

The selected proposals were rated the highest among the twenty submissions in addressing the five rating criteria and will provide entry level opportunities and sustainable leadership in the BIA wildland fire management program.

The BWFM will be coordinating with the Midwest and Northwest Regional Fire and Forestry program managers and selected programs to coordinate next steps. If there are further questions, please contact Branch of Wildland Fire Management, Director of Fire Operations, Dalan Romero at (208) 387-5372 or at [dalan.romero@bia.gov](mailto:dalan.romero@bia.gov).

Attachment: List of Crew Proposals

<b>Region</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Unit</b>
Alaska	Chugachmiut	Northwest	Yakama Nation
Alaska	Tanana Chiefs Conference	Pacific	Hoopa Valley Tribe
E. Oklahoma	Okmulgee Agency	Pacific	Karuk Tribe
Midwest	Bay Mills Indian Community	Pacific	Mooretown Rancheria
Midwest	Leech Lake	Pacific	Southern California Agency
Midwest	Great Lakes Agency	Pacific	Tuolumne Me-Wuk
Midwest	Michigan Agency	Southwest	Mescalero Agency
Northwest	Fort Hall Agency	Southwest	Zuni & Ramah Agencies
Northwest	Conf. Salish & Kootenai Tribes	Western	Eastern Nevada Agency
Northwest	Colville Agency	Western	Western Nevada Agency