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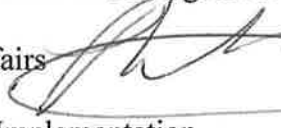
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

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

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs 

Subject: Resilient Landscape National Implementation

Purpose: This memorandum establishes Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policy for Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes (WFRL) project proposal development and submission for Fiscal Year 2017.

Background: In 2015 the Department of the Interior initiated the Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes Program (WFRL). The program supports the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (Cohesive Strategy) by creating landscapes across all jurisdictions which are resilient to the detrimental impacts associated with wildland fire. Key to project selection and implementation has been the degree to which activities utilize multi-jurisdictional landscape level planning between two or more stakeholders. Furthermore, successful projects have demonstrated a coordinated effort between the wildland fire program and other resource management programs.

Scope: The attachments included in this memo provide instructions for submitting new FY2017 WFRL project proposals and include timeframes and templates. Existing WFRL collaboratives do not need to re-submit proposals for FY2017.

Policy: The attached Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) Policy Memorandum is the primary guidance for submitting FY2017 project proposals. Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes activities must embrace adaptive management principles defined in the Department's Adaptive Management policy, 522 DM 1. Selected WFRL projects will be required to provide annual progress reports and additional information as requested by the OWF. The FY2017 project proposals must:

1. Tier to the Fundamental principles detailed in the attached OWF Policy Memo;
2. Utilize the Project Proposal Templates, and follow the geodatabase instructions (Attachment B – emailed separately);
3. Utilize the work plan and funding request Excel spreadsheet (Attachment C – emailed separately);
4. Include the collaborative area polygon in the Collaborative Area Geodatabase (Attachment D – emailed separately).

When developing project goals, preparers should address leadership intent promulgated through Secretarial Order 3335, Secretarial Order 3336, the 2013 President's Climate Action Plan, or other directives.

Project Submission: Agencies and Tribes must submit their project proposal(s) to their BIA Regional Office Fuels Management Specialist. Regions will establish submission due dates and prioritize proposals. Regions are responsible for submitting all FY2017 proposals to the Branch of Wildland Fire Management, Director of Fuels Management, by noon, Mountain Time, on November 14, 2016.

For information or questions concerning this program, please contact Mark Jackson, Director of Fuels Management, at (208) 387-5041 or email james.jackson@bia.gov.

Attachments
