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Regional Policy Memorandum

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Limited Delegation of Authority – Prescribed Fire Plan Authority within the Region

1. Purpose

In accordance with 90 IAM 1.7D, 3 IAM 4 and 3 IAM 4A (Delegation of Authority Midwest Region), the Minnesota Agency Superintendent is hereby authorized to represent the Midwest Regional Director as the approving line officer designee for Prescribed Fire and Mechanical Fuels Plans for Minnesota Agency.

2. Scope

The Agency Superintendent is authorized to approve Prescribed Fire and Mechanical Treatment Plans in accordance with the BIA Fuels Management Handbook (January 2006) and the Wildland Fire and Aviation Program Management and Operations Guide (2006).

3. Policy

It is the responsibility of the Regional Director to approve prescribed fire and mechanical fuels treatment plans or establish delegation of authority for approval to Superintendents and/or designated line officers.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

The Superintendent agrees to;

- Ensuring that plans reflect a commitment to safety.
- Ensuring a technical review of the prescribed fire plan by a qualified individual(s) independent of the preparation of the plan.
- Provide for training and performance evaluation in prescribed fire and fire use operations.

5. Approvals

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Date