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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors
Attention: All Regional Fire Management Officers

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: 2023 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) National Fire Leadership Team Summit

This memorandum is to inform you of the Office of Trust Services, Division of Wildland Fire Management (DWFm), will host a 2023 BIA National Fire Leadership Summit (Summit) that will be held December 5 - December 7, 2023, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Regional Officers will receive presentations from Central Office and guest speakers on national policy, budget updates, leadership, and challenges facing the BIA wildland fire management program. Focused breakout sessions will provide interaction and direction on key program elements within the attendance group.

Summit attendance is limited to two individuals per Region and each Region will be contacted to identify their attendees. It is recommended the Regional Fire Management Officer attends, and the secondary attendee would be the Regional Fuels Specialist. Additional requests to attend the meeting will be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis due to the limited space.

The Summit will be held at the Southwest Regional Office located at 1001 Indian School Road, NW Albuquerque, NM 87104. A planning team has been assembled to formulate the agenda; however, for planning purposes, the Summit will begin on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 8:00am MDT and concludes on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 5:00pm MDT. The final agenda is expected to be available by late October and will be sent to the Regional Fire Management Officers prior to the meeting.

If you have questions or need further information on attendance, please contact Lessa Peter, BWFM Public Affairs Officer, at (986) 200-1941 or lessa.peter@bia.gov.