Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: All Superintendents

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs


Purpose: This memorandum provides transmittal of the Department of the Interior Secretary’s Authority, authorizing the use of government passenger carriers for Home-To-Work (HTW) transportation for Wildland Fire Management for years 2022 through 2024. This also implements the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policy and implementation guidance for the authorized use of government passenger carriers for HTW transportation for Wildland Fire Management.

Background: The Secretary of the Interior maintains the authority to issue approval for the use of government passenger carriers for HTW transportation for field work in Wildland Fire Management for the BIA, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. On April 20, 2022, Secretary Haaland signed the Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carriers for HTW Transportation for those employees that are essential for the safe and efficient performance for wildfire response.

Policy: Effective immediately, the Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carrier(s) for HTW Transportation as identified in the attached DOI Wildland Fire Program Policy Memorandum No. 2022-005. Specifically, the HTW authorization is valid from April 20, 2022, through April 2024 and as follows:

2. Listed positions may require the use of motor vehicles for the safe and efficient performance of field duties, which can include initial response to wildland fires for establishing command and control, and/or providing other leadership and oversight in an emerging incident.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Josh Simmons, Director, Wildland Fire Operations at (208) 387-5372 or Aaron Baldwin, Chief, Branch of Wildland Fire Management at (208) 387-5697.

Attachments