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BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, DC 20240

Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: All Agency Superintendents
All Regional and Local Unit Fire Management Officers
Branch of Wildland Fire Management

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: Remove from Service - Wildland Fire Shelters Manufactured Prior to 2006

All service fire programs should inspect and replace fire shelters manufactured prior to 2006, as indicated by a white or pink label. These fire shelters are described in the attached National Fire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Equipment Advisory: 22-03, dated March 16, 2022.

If replacement fire shelters manufactured prior to 2006 are identified, Regional Fire Management Officers should work with the Agency or Tribal wildland fire programs for replacement procedures. Pre-2006 fire shelters should be destroyed, or clearly marked as non-operational training shelters if retained.

More information about fire shelters may be found on the NWCG Fire Shelter and Personal Protective Equipment Subcommittee webpage at <https://www.nwcg.gov/tags/fsppes>.

Please provide a report to the BIA, Branch of Wildland Fire Management, the number of fire shelters that are needed and/or need to be replaced with the costs and/or estimated costs.

The report and any questions should be directed to Adrian Grayshield, BIA Wildland Fire Safety Manager at (208) 387-5156 or adrian.grayshield@bia.gov.

Attachment