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Memorandum

To: Fire Management

From: NWCG Chair *Brian McManis*

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Subject: Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) Implementation and GS-0401 Supplemental Standards Update

As many of you are aware, there have been a number of questions raised over the last year on the implementation of the IFPM Standard and the changes to positive education requirements of the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist positions. The intent of this letter is to address those questions, as well as outline the direction for the remainder of the IFPM Implementation timeframe.

IFPM Implementation

1. The IFPM Implementation Team has been restructured and chartered under the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), effective February 20, 2008.
2. NWCG has tasked the IFPM Implementation Team to provide recommendations on position requirements, as well as expanded options to meet the NWCG incident management qualifications and additional required training for the 14 key positions. All recommendations are to be reported to NWCG on March 19, 2008. As a result, it is possible that requirements may change based on an informed decision by NWCG.
3. A revised Implementation Plan and supporting documents will be posted on the IFPM website based on the approved recommendations. In addition, the Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Standards and Guide will be updated and posted to reflect any changes.
4. Monthly reports will be provided to NWCG on implementation status and be posted on the IFPM website.

Supplemental Qualification Standard for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist

The Supplemental Standards for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist have been revised to reflect a 2005 OPM policy change regarding education requirements. Further

information, as well as the revised version of the Supplemental Qualification Standard, can be found in [Department of Interior Personnel Bulletin 07-13](#), dated December 4, 2007. The FS has not issued a final version equivalent to the DOI Personnel Bulletin.

It is critical that everyone who does not meet the IFPM minimum qualification standards continue to work toward that goal by the implementation deadline. To ensure we are making informed decisions, we encourage you to keep your employees IFPM records up to date in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS). NWCG remains committed and fully supports the implementation of the IFPM Standard. If you have any questions, please contact your IFPM Fire Management or Human Resources representative.

cc: NWCG Members