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**Bureau of Indian Affairs
Director**

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Title: Timber Contract Change to Provision B9.2

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to revise provision B9.2 of the Timber Sale Contract Standard Provisions to make it consistent with requirements specified in 90 IAM and provision B11.3 as modified in the National Policy Memorandum dated May 19, 2005.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all timber sale contracts being administered on Indian Forest Lands.

3. Policy

Timber Sale Contract Standard Provision B9.2 shall be modified to read as follows:

B9.2 Burning Slash. The Purchaser shall lop and pile all landing slash compactly for burning unless otherwise specified in the contract. Landing slash piles shall be placed a sufficient distance from reserved trees and reproduction to prevent unnecessary damage in burning. The Purchaser shall burn slash in such a manner at such times as the Officer in Charge may direct. The Purchaser shall immediately report fires from slash burning operations which have escaped control to the Officer-in-Charge, or the appropriate authority identified in the Fire Plan under B11.1. The Purchaser may be relieved in whole or in part of slash disposal requirement on specifically designated areas by the Superintendent.

Until this change is made permanently in the Standard Provisions as part of an examination and renewal of all the Standard Provisions, this change to B9.2 shall be specified as a Special Provision in Part A of the Timber Sale Contract for all new timber sales.

Further, all existing timber sale contracts shall be modified in one of the following two ways: 1) via formal Contract Modification (with concurrence from all parties to the contract) whereby the Modification contains the additional Special Provision superceding B9.2; or 2) via reference in the Logging Plan or Operations Plan to the timber sale, whereby it is described that Standard Provision B9.2 shall be enforced as described in the new language above.

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4. Roles and Responsibilities

Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA Director is responsible for the development of National Policy affecting Indian forest lands.

Deputy Director, Field Operations, BIA. The BIA Deputy Director of Field Operations is responsible for overseeing the Regional Directors and disseminating policy to them.

Deputy Director, Trust Services, BIA. The BIA Deputy Director of Trust Services is responsible for assisting in the dissemination of policy and information to the Regional Foresters, via the Chief, Division of Forestry.

Regional Directors, BIA. The BIA Regional Directors are responsible for carrying out policy as directed, and for overseeing the implementation of policy either directly or via Agency Superintendents.

5. Approvals



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Date