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6.1 Assistant Director, Fire and Aviation (AD, FA) (FA-100). The AD, FA, is responsible for establishing national policy, guidance, and standards; and maintains functional oversight and interagency coordination for all fire, aviation, and hazard activities.

A. The Directorate develops national partnerships with organizations and agencies to foster a collaborative approach to mitigating risks to communities and the environment while promoting economic opportunities. The Directorate provides operational wildfire protection and support services for all cooperating wildland firefighting agencies. The AD, FA provides leadership in protecting life, property, and ecosystems from damage by wildfires, and assists in enhancing ecosystem health, integrity, and diversity through the use of fire. The Directorate also oversees BLM's national aviation management services. The Directorate provides a unit manager to the National Interagency Fire Center Governing Board for the management and operation of the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC). The NIFC is a physical facility located in Boise, Idaho, where a number of Federal agencies, including BLM, maintain offices and operational entities. Day-to-day supervision of the NIFC unit manager is the responsibility of the AD, FA. The NIFC includes cooperating fire related units from the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs; a fire weather support unit from the National Weather Service; representatives from other wildland fire partner organizations such as the U.S. Fire Administration, the National Association of State Foresters, Law Enforcement and Radio program management staff.

B. The Directorate includes six divisions: Division of Support Services (FA-200); Division of Fire Operations (FA-300); Division of Budget and Evaluation (FA-400); Division of Aviation (FA-500); Division of Fire Planning and Fuels Management (FA-600); and Division of External Affairs (FA-700).