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To: Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, National Park Service  
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation  
Director, U.S. Geological Survey

From: Bryan Rice, Director – Office of Wildland Fire *Bryan Rice*

Subject: Revised Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 on Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR) Funding

**Purpose:** This memorandum provides revised guidance for the DOI Wildland Fire Management budget allocations based on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, Public Law (P.L.) 115-31. This memorandum supplements the previously issued FY 2017 budget guidance provided on May 15, 2017, titled, "Final Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Funds Execution and Wildland Fire Budget Allocations."

**Scope:** This memorandum impacts budget allocation amounts for Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR) funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Park Service (NPS), the Office of Wildland Fire (OWF), and the Department-wide fire activities.

**Time Frame:** P.L. 115-31 covers FY 2017 from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or modified.

**Policy:** The Department remains committed to upholding its trust responsibilities by working in partnership with Tribal governments to protect and rehabilitate Tribal trust resources. In recognition of the 2014 and 2015 wildfires and their impacts on Tribal communities in the Pacific Northwest, \$3 million of BAR funding will be provided to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and designated to support the Tribes in restoring the condition of Indian forest lands devastated by wildfires.

Bureau allocation amounts for the fiscal year have been adjusted in Table 1 to reflect this designated funding. The remaining FY 17 funds will be allocated based on the five-year average of historical acres burned outside of Alaska.

**Table 1: Revision to 2017 Allocation of Burned Area Rehabilitation Funding**  
*(dollars in thousands)*

	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	Total
<b>Allocation by Bureau per 5/16/2017 memo</b>					
Department-wide Activities	\$199	\$229	\$178	\$299	\$905
Direct Program	\$4,345	\$12,447	\$1,546	\$1,227	\$19,565
<b>Total Allocation per 5/16/2017 memo</b>	<b>\$4,544</b>	<b>\$12,676</b>	<b>\$1,724</b>	<b>\$1,526</b>	<b>\$20,470</b>
<b>Revised Allocation by Bureau as of 6/5/2017</b>					
Department-wide Activities	\$199	\$229	\$178	\$299	\$905
Designated Funding for Pacific Northwest Tribes	\$3,000				\$3,000
Direct Program	\$3,679	\$10,538	\$1,309	\$1,039	\$16,565
<b>Total Revised Allocation as of 6/5/2017</b>	<b>\$6,878</b>	<b>\$10,767</b>	<b>\$1,487</b>	<b>\$1,338</b>	<b>\$20,470</b>

As of the date of this memo, Bureaus may resume previously planned project work using BAR carryover funding. Each bureau is expected to prioritize and allocate BAR project funding using their own bureau-specific criteria, in accordance with overall Departmental principles and guidelines.

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