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

From: Director, Office of Wildland Fire

Subject: Extension Request for 1040-Hour Temporary Appointments

Seasonal employees are a critically important resource to our Wildland Fire Management program. Each year we monitor the seasonal work force for availability throughout the fire season to address on going mission requirements. We anticipate the need to exceed the 1040 hours appointments in this service year for some positions to meet our mission requirements. The need for extension beyond 1040 hours in some seasonal fire positions across DOI will insure continuity and longevity of the fire suppression capability throughout the season.

The Office of Wildland Fire will submit a combined DOI request. This request will be submitted to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for approval of extension of the general time limitations. An OPM approval of the extension will afford the employees continued exception from the general time-limit provisions for purposes of appointments. These extensions are based on service years, which vary by employee, and within a specified time period.

OWF requests BLM, BIA, NPS, and FWS fire programs submit a list of positions recommended for extension with the following information: position title, duty station, employee name, service year beginning date, and not-to-exceed date of current appointment.

Please provide the requested information to Erin Horsburgh, Deputy Director – Management and Programs, Office of Wildland Fire, no later than August 25, 2017. Any questions can be directed to Erin at erin_horsburgh@ios.doi.gov or (208) 334-1550.

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