

ORDER NO. 3219

SIGNATURE DATE: January 3, 2001

Subject: Establishment of the Office of the Wildland Fire Coordinator

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Order creates the Office of the Wildland Fire Coordinator (OWLFC) to oversee and integrate the wildland fire management programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Reclamation (collectively, the Bureaus).

Sec. 2 Authority. This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 3 Establishment. The OWLFC is hereby established in the Office of the Secretary. The OWLFC shall be headed by the Department of the Interior Wildland Fire Coordinator (Coordinator), and shall include staff representatives of the bureaus. The Coordinator is authorized to coordinate wildland fire management programs of the Bureaus; to review the appropriations requests and allocations of the Bureaus related to wildland fire management; and to coordinate the Bureaus' wildland fire management programs with the U.S. Forest Service, state governments, and other stakeholders. The Coordinator shall report to the Deputy Secretary.

Sec. 4 Delegation. The Coordinator is delegated, through the Deputy Secretary, all the authority necessary to carry out the responsibilities described in Section 3, above. The authorities of the Coordinator may be further delegated within the OWLFC.

Sec. 5 Implementation. The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget, in consultation with the Coordinator, shall be responsible for completing the administrative arrangements necessary to implement this Order, including provision of the necessary fiscal and human resources.

Sec. 6 Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately. It shall remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Department Manual or until it is amended, superceded, or revoked, whichever comes first. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, this Order shall terminate and become obsolete on December 22, 2001.

/s/ Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior

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