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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: Jim Douglas, Director – Office of Wildland Fire

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes Collaboratives
Funding Allocations

Purpose: This memorandum identifies the Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes (WFRL) allocation amounts for collaboratives, program guidance and reporting requirements.

Scope: This memorandum allocates FY 2016 funding levels, program guidance and reporting requirements for WFRL collaboratives. These collaboratives represent broad geographic areas and several ecosystem types across the continental United States. Each collaborative has a lead agency identified from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), or the National Park Service (NPS), with the program administered by the Office of Wildland Fire (OWF).

Time Frame: The WFRL allocations, program guidance and reporting requirement covers FY 2016. These long-term collaboratives are identified for continued funding based on the availability of appropriations and successful implementation of stated objectives in this second year of the pilot phase.

Policy: The collaboratives identified in Table 1 are approved for FY 2016 funding. All collaboratives are required to continue distinct project code(s). The code(s) will be provided to OWF and will be trackable in the Financial Business Management System.

OWF Policy Memorandum 2015-004, dated March 23, 2015 remains the primary guidance for the Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes pilot program.

An updated Annual Accomplishment Reporting template will be distributed to the collaboratives by July 31, 2016. The completed template, with lead agency assistance, must be returned to OWF by October 30, 2016. The lead agency for each collaborative is listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Lead agency for Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes Collaboratives.

| Lead Agency | Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes Collaboratives |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Bureau of Indian Affairs | Santa Clara Mesa |
| Bureau of Land Management | Bi-State Sage-Grouse |
| | Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse |
| | Southwest Colorado |
| | Utah Southern |
| National Park Service | Grant Grove |
| | Southern Arizona |
| | Valles Caldera |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Greater Sheldon Hart Mountain |
| | Longleaf Pine-South Atlantic LCC |

These reports provide an opportunity for each collaborative to explain progress toward reaching their goals; list FY 2016 activities; report on leveraged funds, and the status of FY 2016 funds; update their partner list; and provide additional information related to FY 2016 accomplishments. Information from these reports will be used to assess and communicate the success of the WFRP program by the Fire Resource Executive Committee (formerly Resilient Landscapes Executive Committee), and will inform FY 2017 funding decisions for each collaborative.

The \$10 million of Fuels Management funds in the parent account for the Resilient Landscapes collaboratives will be distributed for the projects as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. FY 2016 funding level by collaborative and agency.

| Resilient Landscape Collaboratives FY2016 Funding Level | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | Total |
|---|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Bi-State | | \$1,029,616 | | | \$1,029,616 |
| Bruneau-Owyhee | | \$500,000 | | | \$500,000 |
| Grants Grove Peninsula | | | | \$313,000 | \$313,000 |
| Greater Sheldon Hart Mountain | \$54,000 | | \$350,000 | | \$404,000 |
| Longleaf Pine-South Atlantic | | \$45,000 | \$855,000 | \$80,000 | \$980,000 |
| Santa Clara Mesa | \$800,000 | | | | \$800,000 |
| Southern Arizona | | | | \$414,150 | \$414,150 |
| Southern Utah (Utah Southern) | | \$3,500,000 | | | \$3,500,000 |
| Southwest Colorado | | \$875,170 | \$74,448 | \$80,000 | \$1,029,618 |
| Valles Caldera | | | | \$1,029,616 | \$1,029,616 |
| TOTAL | \$854,000 | \$5,949,786 | \$1,279,448 | \$1,916,766 | \$10,000,000 |

All funds will be transferred to the lead agency and collaborating bureaus. Bureaus will be notified of the Treasury transaction numbers when available.

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