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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, and WO Staff

Enclosed is the 2003 Fire and Aviation Operations Action Plan. This document establishes direction for this year and is based on a number of reviews, after action reports, and current plans. The Action Plan focuses on four main areas: preparedness, cost containment, hazardous fuel treatments, and safety. It defines performance expectations for Forest Service Line Officers and Fire and Aviation Management personnel. It establishes operational expectations and clarifies existing policies and procedures. For direction regarding preparation of Operations Plans see FSM 5120, Preparedness and FSM 5190, Management.

Consistent implementation of the direction in this plan is critical to our success on-the-ground. Adherence to these policies will also result in improved efficiency and fiscal accountability, and stretch our resources so that we can continue to fight fire and respond to non-fire emergencies. We must continue to work closely together to face the challenges presently by current events and the potential fire situation.

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Enclosure

