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Memorandum

To: Regional Directors

From: (for) Deputy Director A. Durand Jones /s/ **Donald W. Murphy**

Subject: New Generation Fire Shelter

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) last year approved the new generation fire shelter, with contracts let by the General Services Administration to produce approximately 20,000 new shelters by June of this year.

The attached NWCG memo outlines ordering information and priorities. Shelters are to be purchased only for initial attack resources for the 2003 fire season. Additionally, initial attack forces will not be issued the new shelter until applicable training has been accomplished and documented.

The older style of fire shelter still meets all agency requirements and may remain in the system for approximately 5 years as replacements are purchased and stocked to meet demands.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your regional Fire Management Officer or the NPS Fire Operations Program Leader, Paul Broyles at 208/387-5226.

Attachments