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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Ref. IM No. 2004-081

EMS TRANSMISSION 01/21/2004
Instruction Memorandum No. 2004-028
Expires 09/30/05

To: Field Office Managers
From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources and Fire Management
Subject: Identifying Stewardship Contracting Opportunities and Projects
DD: 02/24/2004

Program Areas: Forest and Rangeland Health, Fuels Management, and Weed and Invasive Species Control

Purposes: Colorado's response to Washington Office Instruction Memorandum (WO IM) No. 2004-081, which requires states to update their list of projects with the potential to utilize and demonstrate the stewardship contracting authority.

Policy/Action: WO IM No. 2004-081 states that Field Offices will screen existing fuels management, wildlife or riparian habitat enhancement, and forest and rangeland health projects, regardless of funding source, to determine which projects could benefit from stewardship contracting. Existing projects include those entered into the National Fire Plan Operations Reporting System, those submitted for Forest Ecosystem Health and Recovery Fund funding via Budget Planning System (BPS), or those that utilize other funding sources and have been entered into the BPS. Other projects that could benefit from this authority will also be considered.

An attachment to WO IM 2004-081 is a compilation of state input to IM 2003-107, listing several Colorado potential projects. Field Managers are to review these potential projects and any additional proposals that meet the referenced criteria and submit revised proposals to Dick Watson, Colorado Stewardship Contracting Coordinator, no later than February 24, 2004.

Projects should be developed to the point where contracts can be awarded before the end of this fiscal year. Submitted projects should be entered in the BPS format described in IM No. 2004-081.

Budget Impact: The effect on the budget of implementing this request is minimal.

Contact: Additional information is available by contacting Dick Watson at 970-244-3048.

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3 Attachments

- 1-WO IM 2004-081 (4 pp)
- 2-Potential Stewardship Contract Projects (1 p)
- 3-BLM Stewardship Contracting Guidance (9 pp)