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To: Field Managers and Center Managers  
Attn: Fire Management Officers, Fire Ecologists, and Fuels Specialists

From: State Director

Subject: Prescribed Burn Plan Format

**Purpose:** This Instruction Memorandum (IM) issues Colorado Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Prescribed Burn Format guidance that supplements and clarifies guidance issued on October 21, 2003, through IM No. OF&A 2004-003, which expires on: September 30, 2005, specifically for the Prescribed Fire Management Handbook H-9214-1.

**Policy/Action:** On October 21, 2003, the BLM National Office of Fire & Aviation issued IM No. OF&A 2004-003 that provided the direction, content, and Prescribed Burn Plan (Burn Plan) format for prescribed fire activities on BLM lands. This IM reinforces that guidance with the following clarification:

1. The terminology Contingency Forces and/or Contingency Plan will not be used. This terminology was dropped by the BLM after the Lowden Ranch Escape Prescribed Fire Review. The terminology Contingency Area and/or Buffer Area will not be used. The appropriate terminology is "Maximum Manageable Area" or "Allowable Area."
2. Any specific resources needed for a prescribed burn fire will be recognized in the Burn Plan and identified as "Ignition Forces" and "Holding Forces." They will be assigned to and funded by that project. The Escaped Fire portion of the Burn Plan will identify specific trigger points, recommended tactical actions, and a general list of the type of fire fighting resources that should be ordered through normal dispatch procedures. This section can also be used in the development of the Wildland Fire Situation Analysis.

Questions regarding this should be directed to Mike Frary, State Office Fire Ecologist at 970-878-3820.

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