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To: Field Managers
From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources
Subject: 2003 Fire Preparedness Review

A National-level Fire and Aviation Preparedness Review will be conducted in Montana on June 16-23, 2003. This review will evaluate the fire programs, equipment, resources and management. The objectives of the review are to:

- o Recognize exceptional work
- o Identify deficiencies and correct actions
- o Establish standards to safety and effectively manage wildland fire

The Team will hold an opening session with the Field Manager and other staff explaining the review process prior to starting their review. The “National Fire and Aviation Checklist 2003” and Red Book “BLM Standards for Fire and Aviation Operations 2003” can be found on the internet at <http://www.fire.blm.gov/library.htm>. An agenda of the review is attached, and it is very aggressive timetable given the long travel times between field offices. If times on the agenda change, during the week you will be notified by the review time as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the readiness review, please contact Pat Mullaney at 406-896-2915.

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1 Attachment
1-Agenda (6 pp)

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MONTANA NATIONAL FIRE REVIEW

June 15-23, 2003

<p>June 15 Sunday</p>	<p>(PM) Fly to Billings.</p> <p>(PM) Meet with team leads.</p>	<p>Motel: Billings</p> <p>16 Billings Hampton</p> <p>1 sedan 4 vans</p>
<p>June 16 Monday</p>	<p>9:00: Opening Briefing with MSO and Billings Field Office</p> <p>State Director/Resource Staff</p> <p>Marty Ott - State Director Jerry Meredith - Assoc. State Director Tom Lonnie - DSD, Resources Diane Friez – Acting DSD, Support Services Tom Boatner/Pat Mullaney - State FMO/ASFMO Allen Edmonds - State Aviation Mike Dannenberg - Prevention/Education/Information Jim Gray - Fuels</p> <p>Billings Field Office Staff:</p> <p>Sandy Brooks - Field Office Manager Bob Meidinger - Station Manager Eric Chapman - Engine Module Leader, Billings Mark Verlanic - Engine Module Leader, Bridger</p> <p>Dispatch/Cache - Billings Dispatch, Cache</p> <p>Chris Shelton - Center Manager James Chapman - Cache Manager</p> <p>Aviation Team: Billings - Billings Tanker Base, Air Attack, (2) 802 Air Tankers (Not Available)</p> <p>Allen Edmonds - SAM Kent Hamilton - Assist. SAM</p>	<p>Motel:</p> <p>13 Billings 2 Missoula Flight Reservations Vehicle in Missoula</p> <p>1 Dillon</p>

	<p>Jones -- Drive to Dillon</p> <p>Review Dillon dispatch</p> <p>Judy Hiens - Center Manager Doug Caffee - BLM Dispatcher</p> <p>Hart/Felty - Fly to Missoula PM; Pick up vehicle</p> <p>RON Missoula</p>	
<p>June 17 Tuesday</p>	<p>Hart/Felty - Review GACC and Missoula Dispatch</p> <p>GACC</p> <p>John Specht - Fire Management Specialist Mike Plattes - Center Manager Kathy Elzig -Assistant Center Manager</p> <p>Missoula Dispatch</p> <p>Sandy Evinson - Center Manager (Forest Service) Summer Seasonal (BLM)</p> <p>RON - Missoula</p>	<p>Motel: 14 Butte 2 Missoula</p>

<p>June 17 Tuesday (cont.)</p>	<p>06:30 Travel to Butte (4 Hrs)</p> <p>11:00 Opening briefing for Western Zone (Butte, Missoula, and Dillon Field Offices)</p> <p>Rick Hotaling - Field Office Manager, Butte Nancy Anderson - Field Office Manager, Missoula Tim Bozorth - Field Office Manager, Dillon John Thompson - Fire Management Officer Tarina - Fire Education and Mitigation Specialist 2 Fuels Engines Safety Review Protection Exchange, Cooperative Agreements, Training, Fuels & Education and Mitigation programs.</p> <p>Jones drives from Dillon to Butte</p>	
<p>June 18 Wednesday</p>	<p>Hart/Felty: Depart Missoula (fly) to Billings; Pick up vehicle: Go to Lewistown (flight schedule will be arranged)</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Closeout Briefing for Western Zone</p> <p>Team travel to Lewistown (5 hr.)</p> <p>Wheless engine group: Continues travel to Zortman (RON)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Opening Briefing with Central Zone (Lewistown)</p> <p>Team review staff: Dave Mari - Field Office Manager, Lewistown Bruce Reed - Field Office Manager, Malta Mitch Maycox - Fire Management Officer Bob Bahr - Assist FMO Shannon Iverson - Fire Education and Mitigation</p>	<p>Motel: 14 Lewistown 2 Zortman</p> <p>Two flight reservations from MSO to Billings Rental Car</p>

<p>June 18 Wednesday (cont)</p>	<p>Dispatch Team: Lewistown Interagency Dispatch Center Shannon Bonney - Center Manager</p> <p>Aviation Team: 2 (500 gal.) SEAT's (Not Available), helitack crew (Arizona) Ken Schmid - Aviation Manager/Helicopter Crew Sup.</p> <p>Engine Team (Cardoza): Begin review of Lewistown's engines (1 heavy engine, 3 light engines) Jay McAllister - Station Manager Dennis Crawford - Engine Module Leader Russell Wilstead - Engine Module Leader Joe DeJong - Engine Module Leader Jere Long - Engine Module Leader</p>	
<p>June 19 Thursday</p>	<p>Wheless Engine Team: Reviews Zortman engines (1 heavy engine, 2 light engines) Kyle Cowan - Station Manager Brett Hedman - Engine Module Leader D.J. Berg - Engine Module Leader Perry Huffman - Engine Module Leader</p> <p>Depart Zortman for Miles City (RON)</p> <p>Team: Continue readiness review in Lewistown</p> <p>Cardoza Engine Team: Finishes review of Lewistown engines</p> <p>Departs Lewistown to Jordan</p> <p>Review engine in Jordan Danny Williams - Station Manager Shanna Sprandel - Engine Module Leader</p> <p>Depart Jordan to Miles City (RON)</p>	<p>Motel: 16 Miles City</p>

<p>June 19 Thursday</p>	<p>9:00 Interview Field Office Managers Dave Mari - Field Manager, Lewistown Bruce Reed - Field Manager, Malta Mitch Maycox - Fire Management Officer</p> <p>1:00 Closeout briefing with Central Zone Field Offices</p>	
<p>June 20 Friday</p>	<p>8:00 Opening briefing with Eastern Zone (Miles City)</p> <p>Management Team: Dave McIlInay - Field Office Manager, Miles City Phill Gill - Fire Management Officer Ken Smihula - Assistant FMO Dena Lang - Fire Education and Mitigation Specialist Dick Lang - Training Officer Greg Loper - Aviation Officer Ed Mayberry - Logistics Coordinator</p> <p>Engine Team: 07:00 Fort Howes- three light engines, three lookouts Brick Hudson - Fire Management Officer (Forest Service)</p> <p>BLM Erik Lepisto - Assist Fire Management Officer Robert LaPlant - Station Manager Brett Blumhardt - Engine Module Leader Brian Hubbell - Engine Module Leader Vacant - Engine Module Leader</p> <p>Aviation Team: Fort Howes - one light Helicopter (Not Available), helitack crew Cannon Donnelly - Helicopter Crew Supervisor</p>	<p>Motel: Miles City 16 Miles City</p>

<p>June 20 Friday (cont)</p>	<p>Engine Team: 0630 Camp Crook/Ekalaka -two light engines. Fuels crew plus engine meet inspectors in Ekalaka Bobby Cordell - Station Manager Scott Nelson - Engine Module Leader (acting) Justin Kerr - Engine Module Leader T. Lipp - Engine Module Leader</p>	
<p>June 21 Saturday</p>	<p>8:00 Continue Eastern Montana Zone Readiness review</p> <p>Dispatch Team: Miles City Interagency Dispatch Center. Gloria Gunther, Center Manager</p> <p>Aviation Team: 2 (500 gal.) SEATs (Not Available) Cary Mitzkus</p> <p>Engine Team: Miles City Paul Pauley, Station Manager Jory Bundy, Engine Module Leader Dan Fox, Engine Module Leader Vacant, Engine Module Leader</p> <p>2:00 Closeout Briefing with Eastern Zone (Miles City/Billings Field Office)</p> <p>(PM) Travel to Billings</p>	<p>Motel: 15 Billings</p>
<p>June 22 Sunday</p>	<p>Complete Report</p>	<p>Motel 10 Billings</p>
<p>June 23 Monday</p>	<p>9:00 Closeout Briefing with State Director</p>	