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To: All State Directors and Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning
ATTN: DSDs, Renewable Resources, and State Fire Management Officers

From: Director, National Science and Technology Center

Subject: Joint Fire Science Program 2001 Principal Investigator Workshop
DD: 4/26/02, 6/7/02

The Joint Fire Science Program requires that all principal investigators (PI) who have projects funded through the program report yearly on their accomplishments and status of the project. The 2001 PI Workshop was held March 11-14, 2002, in San Antonio, Texas. A total of 53 reports were presented during the workshop. A summary of each of the reports is attached to this memorandum. I would ask that these summaries be shared with your staff who are working on the implementation of the National Fire Plan and with Field Fire Management Officers. These summaries may also be of interest to those working on land use plan revisions. While many of the projects are not complete, many have produced intermediate deliverables (products) that may be useful for ongoing activities. I would also encourage those interested in a particular project contact the PI for additional information.

The Joint Fire Science Program has developed a web site that can be accessed through the National Interagency Fire Center site. In addition, many of the PIs have developed web sites to showcase the progress that is being made on specific projects. Locations of these additional sites can be found either through the Joint Fire Science Program web site or by contacting the PI.

It became obvious during the various presentations that a number of the investigations being funded through the Joint Fire Science Program are being conducted on BLM-administered lands. In an attempt to build a data base, I am asking that the States identify to me the Field Office, the BLM contact person, the name of the investigation, and the PI for these projects. As the BLM

representative to the Joint Fire Science Program Governing Board, it is important that I have a full appreciation of the level of participation that BLM is providing. Please provide me with this information by April 26, 2002.

Finally, the Governing Board will be considering topics to be included in subsequent solicitations for research proposals at its June meeting. I would like to know what the most important topics are that the Board should consider in its next solicitation. Please forward the topics to me by June 7, 2002.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the Joint Fire Science Program, please call me at 303-236-1142 or e-mail at lee_barkow@blm.gov.

1 Attachment

1 - Summary of Reports (52 pp)

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