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To: All DSDs for Resources, All Field Officials, State and Regional Science Coordinators, Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Coordinators, and Fire Management Officers

From: Director, National Science and Technology Center

Subject: Wildland Fire Impacts on Watersheds – Understanding, Planning, and Response; a Geological Society of America Conference

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to inform those interested in or responsible for planning for and mitigating the impacts of wildfires, of a Geological Society of America (GSA) sponsored conference scheduled for October 21-23, 2003, in the Denver Metro area. The conference is designed to be of value to:

- Resource specialists and planners who develop action alternatives to mitigate accelerated erosion and mass-wasting caused by wildland fire
- Scientists and technical/subject matter experts in predicting, understanding, and mitigating effects of wildland fire
- Managers and decision-makers seeking an overview of the effects of wildland fire

The meeting will be held from October 21-23, 2003, at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel located in Englewood, Colorado. Special government lodging rates are available. Detailed information on the conference can be found at the Geological Society of America's website at the following address: www.geosociety.org/wildlandfire.

The National Science and Technology Center (NSTC) is cosponsoring this conference with the GSA, USGS, USFS, NPS, and several city and county watershed managers. NSTC has forwarded a request for BLM travel and attendance to the Deputy Director for

consideration. We will post an email message if there are BLM attendance limitations and if necessary solicit nominations. If anyone has any questions on the conference they should contact Charisse Sydoriak at 303-236-0582 or Brian St George at 303-236-1930.

Please plan on attending this very special interdisciplinary and timely conference.

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