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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors, All Regions
Attention: Forestry & Wildland Fire Management
Natural Resources

From: Director, Branch of Wildland Fire Management

Subject: Fiscal Year 2014 Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Team Recruitment

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Interagency Fire Center, is recruiting Indian Country employees who are interested in serving on post-wildland fire Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) teams. These BAER teams may service at either tribal, agency, regional, or national levels. Selected team members will need to be red-carded (see attached BAER information sheet) and physically able to perform the job. Mentoring and training help will be provided to resource specialists who have never before worked on a BAER team. BAER team member's base salaries (except fire preparedness employees), overtime, travel, and per diem are covered under the Emergency Stabilization account, when serving on BAER teams.

Nominations must be submitted on the attached form by no later than March 31, 2014 to Darryl Martinez, Inter-Regional BAER Coordinator, via email (Darryl.Martinez@bia.gov) or faxed to 505-563-3052. Nomination forms should specify the position of interest and if the nominee wants to serve on a tribal, agency, regional or national team. The form must address the nominee's professional, technical, and physical (red-card) qualifications for the position. Be sure to include **all** contact information for the nominee (name; work and email addresses; work, cell, fax and a personal contact phone number) where you can be reached, including weekends for team call out. **Supervisor's signature for BAER team selection is required.** Failure to provide all of the nomination information and signatures may result in delay or non-selection. Selected team members will be added to the BIA BAER team member database for the 2014 season. Applicants will be notified of selection or non-selection.

We want to emphasize the obligation to a BAER team, as well as the importance of team member's availability and mobility (potentially for up to two call-outs per fire season.) Additional availability will be at the discretion of the team member and their supervisor. Thanks to all the supervisors who support this valuable interagency program with the commitment of their employee's time and professional skills.

If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Martinez, Inter-Regional BAER Coordinator, at Darryl.Martinez@bia.gov or 505-563-3369.

Attachments: BIA BAER Team Information & BAER Nomination Form