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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
All Agency Superintendents
Attention: Wildland Fire Management

Through: Deputy Bureau Director, Field Operations

From: Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Subject: 2024-2026 Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carriers for Home-to-Work Transportation for Wildland Fire Management

Purpose: This memorandum provides transmittal of the Department of the Interior Secretary's Authority, authorizing the use of government passenger carriers for Home-to-Work (HTW) transportation for identified wildland fire management personnel for April 22, 2024, through April 22, 2026. This also implements the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) policy and implementation guidance for the authorized use of government passenger carriers for HTW transportation for Wildland Fire Management.

Background: In accordance with the Departmental Manual 112 DM 7 and 620 DM2, the Secretary of the Interior maintains the authority to issue approval for the use of government passenger carriers for HTW transportation for field work in wildland fire management for the BIA, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service. On April 22, 2024, Secretary Haaland signed the Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carriers for HTW Transportation for those employees that are essential for the safe and efficient performance for wildfire response.

Policy: Effective immediately, the 2024-2026 Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carriers for HTW Transportation as identified in the attached DOI Wildland Fire Program Policy Memorandum No. 2024-006. Specifically, the HTW authorization is valid from April 22, 2024, through April 22, 2026, as follows:

1. Job title and series number: Fire Management Officers (GS-0401 and GS-0456), Assistant Fire Management Officers (GS-0401, GS-4062, and GS-0456), Fire Operations Coordinators (GS-401 and GS-0456), and Fire Operations Specialist (GS-0401, GS-0462, and GS-0456). No other positions are authorized.

2. Listed positions may require the use of motor vehicles for the safe and efficient performance of field duties, which can include initial response to wildland fires for establishing command and control, and/or providing other leadership and oversight during an emerging incident. Attachment 2 Wildland Fire Management Program Home-to-Work Transportation Authorization 2024 Request Record lists the approved positions and locations for HTW authorization. Future HTW requests can be submitted for review and consideration during the next HTW reauthorization period.
3. Refer to the attached DOI Wildland Fire Program Policy documents for specific policy, positions and locations, and guidance for HTW authorization implementation.
4. In addition to this policy memorandum, and the attached policy documents, all offices are required to ensure they adhere to the Indian Affairs Manual (IAM) Part 23 Chapter 11, Part 25 Chapter 4, Part 90 all Chapters; 23 IAM 3-H, Volume 1 Occupational Safety Handbook; 25 IAM 4-H Motor Vehicle Safety Program Handbook; and the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book).

If you have any questions, please contact Josh Simmons, Branch Chief, Fire Operations at (208) 387-5372.

Attachments: -DOI Wildland Fire Program Policy Memorandum No. 2024-006
-Decision Memorandum for the Secretary – Use of Government Passenger Carriers
-Attachment 1 Authorization for Use of Government Passenger Carrier(s) for Home-to-Work for Fieldwork Pursuant 31 U.S.C. 1344
-Attachment 2 Department of the Interior Wildland Fire Management Program Home-to-Work Transportation Authorization 2024 Request Record

cc: Directorate, Environment and Natural Resources