FIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

FMB Memorandum No. 16-004
Date: 4 May 2016

TO: Fire Executive Board
NWCG Executive Board

FROM: Larry Sutton, Chair, Fire Management Board

SUBJECT: Errata to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (January 2016)

The Fire and Aviation Directors of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service have directed the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group (ISOG) to annually revise, publish, and distribute the federal Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, also known as “the Red Book”. The 2016 Red Book was issued on January 4, 2016.

Annually, the ISOG, in coordination with the Fire Management Board, provides updates and corrections to the Red Book by issuing an errata statement. This document provides errata to the 2016 Red Book. Please incorporate the following updates and corrections to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (January 2016).

Please distribute this as appropriate through your agency channels.

On page 52, in the “Type 1” column and “Communication” row:
Delete “7” and insert “8”.

On page 52, in the “Type 1” column and “Sawyers” row:
Delete “3” and insert “4”.

On page 56, delete lines 8-10, and insert the following text:
BLM Fire Suppression Modules will be statused, tracked, and mobilized in the ROSS system using the resource identifier “Module, Suppression”.

On page 62, line 8, delete the table heading and insert the following text:
BLM Smokejumper Standard

On page 187, line 10, insert the following text:
NWCG memorandum EB-M-10-024

On page 217, line 29, insert the following text:

On page 252, line 13, insert the following text:
• USFS – Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training will have a 13-month currency.

On page 259, delete line 23, and insert the following text:
cc: FMB Executive Secretary; NWCG Executive Secretary; Marlene Hendren, Chair, Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group
IHCs are comprised of 18-22 firefighters and are used primarily for wildfire suppression, fuels reduction, and other fire management duties.

IHCs have the option of traveling with 22 personnel when on incident assignments as authorized by the sending or receiving unit. When traveling by charter aircraft, IHC’s should be prepared to take no more than 20 personnel, unless they receive approval via normal dispatch channels.

IHCs will provide a minimum of eight programmable multi-channel radios per crew as stated in the SIHCO.


Under emergency circumstances, where human life is immediately at risk by wildland fire on lands under federal protection, a federal line officer can approve the use of non-federally approved aircraft to address the immediate threat. Under circumstances where a Governor has declared a state of emergency, a federal line officer at the State/Regional level, may consider any fire under federal protection, as an immediate threat to human life. This exemption must only take place when sufficient federal firefighting aircraft are not readily available to meet the emergency need. Line officers are encouraged to consult with their agency aviation management personnel to aid in decision-making.

cc: FMB Executive Secretary; NWCG Executive Secretary; Marlene Hendren, Chair, Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Group
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