April 30, 2020

TO: Fire Management Board Members

FROM: Leon Ben, Chair, FMB Executive Board

SUBJECT: Errata to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (May 2020)

The Fire and Aviation Directors of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs 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 2020 Red Book was issued on January 1, 2020.

Annually, the ISOG provides updates and corrections to the Red Book by issuing an errata statement. This document provides errata to the 2020 Red Book. Please incorporate the following updates and corrections to the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations (January 2020).

On page 355, delete lines 3-8, and insert the following text:

- FS - The use of fire chemicals mixed with on board injection or blending systems is not permitted on Forest Service-contracted aircraft. Water enhancers may be mixed and loaded from ground-based equipment when demand-mixed through a proportioner; or batch mixed to the qualified mix ratio in a separate tank, then transferred into a dip tank. Compliance with the Forest Service Qualified Product List (https://www.fs.fed.us/rm/fire/wfcs/wateren.htm), to include qualified required mix ratios, is mandatory.

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