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State Forester

Dear State Forester:

The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) issued a memorandum (NWCG#020-2012) on December 10, 2012, with the subject "Single Point Interstate Billing." The memorandum outlined invoice processing direction for state agencies that respond to federal jurisdictional fires outside of their own states.

It has become apparent that agreements, processes, procedures, and/or structures are not in place within all states that would enable this direction to be followed for the 2013 fire seasons across the country. To ensure the availability, as well as timely, effective, and efficient mobilization of State resources to areas and incidents in need, the Forest Service will continue to accept and process these invoices as needed.

The Forest Service asks that state foresters continue to pursue the appropriate agreements and processes to implement the NWCG guidance in the future. However, I understand that these steps may take some time to accomplish and I do not want to risk a potential unnecessary shortage of resources as we prepare for and respond to wildland fires.

If you have any questions please contact Dan Olsen, Deputy Director of Fire and Aviation Management at (202) 205-1410 or by email at dolsen@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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