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To: Regional Directors

From: Division Chief, Fire and Aviation Management

Subject: Interim Policy for Reference Manual 18, Wildland Fire Management, Chapter 4, Fire Management Plans

The purpose of this memorandum is to align the National Park Service's (NPS) process for required fire management plan (FMP) regional review throughout Chapter 4. This memorandum serves as interim policy and will remain valid until rescinded or superseded. Specifically, the modifications outlined below supersede the following:

Chapter 4 revisions include:

- Under heading "3.0 Annual Fire Management Plan Review to maintain FMP validity"

- Removed the words "regionally", "and signed"
- Correct AGOL Fire Management Plan Tracking Dashboard link

"FMPs must be consistent with the DOI Framework and contain all required appendices as described in Chapter 5 and the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Chapter 3 and Chapter 10 and have been reviewed by the Regional / Zone Fire Planner, Park / Zone FMO and Park Superintendent on an annual basis (once every 365 days) to be valid. The [NPS Wildland Fire Management Plan SharePoint site](#) and [AGOL Fire Management Plan Tracking Dashboard](#) serve as a repository for FMP documents and depict validity."

- Under heading "2.2 Regional Level" "The regional office will:

- Removed "and signed"

"On an annual basis (once every 365 days) review and validate the region's FMPs and appendices ensuring alignment with the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations and Reference Manual 18."

- Under heading "2.3 Park / Zone Level"

- Removed "and signature"

"Sign the FMP cover page along with the Park Superintendent after Regional /Zone Fire Planner review on an annual basis".

These sections now align with Section 3.1 “Fire Management Plan Review Process”

“Regional / Zone Fire Planner will note and date that the FMP has been reviewed on the SharePoint site indicating a review has been completed and the documents are updated and align with current policy”.

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