

MEMORANDUM FOR: National Weather Service Directives System (NDS) Users

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SUBJECT: Rescission of National Weather Service Instruction (NWSI) 10-406, Interagency Agreement for Meteorological Services Among the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service of the U.S. Department of Interior; the Forest Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and the NWS of the U.S Department of Commerce (known as the National Agreement in short)

DATE: May 15, 2009

The following document is rescinded from the NDS.

NDS Title: National Weather Service Instruction (NWSI) 10-406, the National Agreement
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Summary: In order to maintain consistency with other NWS interagency agreements entered into by the NWS with other Agencies, the NWS Regional fire weather program managers and the NWS National Fire Weather Program Manager have recommended rescinding the 10-406 Directive within the 10-4 policy series. There are many other NWS/external Agency Agreements, but these are not maintained nor listed as NWS Directives. The National Agreement also deals heavily with financial reimbursement policy and procedures which do not belong in a NWS instruction document. Also importantly, rescinding the Directive would facilitate needed flexibility in updating Agreement components, such as reimbursement procedures and processes.

With the recent update of the Interagency Agreement, a rare opportunity exists to rescind this Directive before needing to post its update. The 2002 version of the National Agreement would be removed from the Directive System, and the replacement would not be posted as a Directive.

This rescission does not eliminate or invalidate the new National Agreement. This process only eliminates the need for this Agreement to be redundantly listed as a NWS Directive. Actual operating policy governing NWS actions for the fire weather program will remain unchanged and intact through the use of the other fire-related instruction documents posted in the 10-4 Directive System. In addition, the National Agreement will stand as a separate document outside the 10-4 series of fire weather instructions.