

APPENDIX A

DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Note: For the purposes of this document California Federal Land Management Agencies are identified as U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management.

California Federal Land Management Agencies (Federal LMAs) are directing wildland fire Agency Administrators to maximize coordination with air quality jurisdictions on **all** wildland fires, including unplanned ignitions. The *Guidance for Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy* (Feb, 2009), identifies firefighter and public safety as the first priority in every fire management activity. Another guiding element is that fire management activities incorporate public health and environmental quality considerations. Thus, a goal of LMAs is to pursue appropriate actions to minimize adverse public health impacts from fire emissions without jeopardizing firefighter and public safety. The 2009 Guidance directs that management response to wildland fire on federal land be based on objectives established in the applicable Land / Resource Management Plan and / or the Fire Management Plan which can include ecosystem restoration. For all unplanned fires Federal LMAs are committed to the following;

1. Integrating air quality information and recommendations from air quality jurisdictions into management strategies and decisions.
2. Maximizing our understanding of air quality, community smoke exposure, and relationships to suppression strategies.
3. Contributing Federal LMA air quality tools and technologies to the common understanding of air quality conditions related to fire management and documenting exceptional events.
4. Agency Administrators or their designees will be responsible for the coordination with local air quality jurisdictions. A priority will be put on pre-season dialogue.
5. The daily 1300 smoke call for principal coordination at a state-wide and multi-jurisdictional level.
6. Where appropriate, negotiate the payment of fees that recover the costs for a reasonable program as stipulated in the Clean Air Act.