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## National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

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### Memorandum

**To:** Fire Management

**From:** National Fire and Aviation Executive Board

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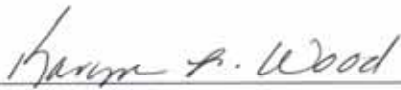
**Subject:** Clarification of Appropriate Management Response

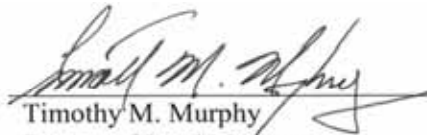
The National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB) provides the following clarification for implementing the Appropriate Management Response (AMR) under current Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and agency directives. The intent is to clarify Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, to enable agency administrators to take full advantage of the flexibility afforded by existing policy.

#### Key Points to Clarify Policy:

- The Interagency Strategy for the Implementation of Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy (2003) is the primary wildland fire policy reference source. Agencies have incorporated policy intent and direction from that source in respective directives, manuals, handbooks, and interagency operations guides.
- The Federal Fire Policy requires all wildland fires from unplanned ignitions to be managed for either protection objectives (wildfire) or resource benefit objectives (wildland fire use). Under current policy, a single fire cannot be managed for both objectives concurrently.
- Appropriate Management Response (AMR) encompasses all of the response actions necessary to manage a wildfire or wildland fire use event for the duration of the event. In implementing the AMR, the full spectrum of tactical options, from monitoring a fire at a distance to intensive suppression actions are available to the fire manager. Beginning with the initial response to any wildland fire, decisions will reflect the goal of using available firefighting resources to manage the fire for the most effective, most efficient and safest means available.
- The AMR strategies and tactics used to manage a wildland fire will be based on objectives identified in the Land/Resource Management Plan and/or Fire Management Plan.

- The AMR strategies and tactics will consider firefighter and public health and safety, fire cause, current and predicted weather, current and potential fire behavior and fire effects, values to be protected from fire, management priorities, resource availability, cumulative effects of the fire, and cost effectiveness. Direct assessment of resource benefits from fire is currently allowed only where wildland fire use has been identified in the Land/Resource Management Plan and/or Fire Management Plan as an acceptable strategy.


  
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