

# DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



# TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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| PART<br>620 DM 1 - 7  | SUBJECT<br>PUBLIC LANDS<br>Wildland Fire Management<br>Policies, Responsibilities, Response, Recovery,<br>Preparedness, and Fuels Management | RELEASE NUMBER<br>4061 - 4067 |
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## **EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:**

This Departmental Manual Release 620 DM 1 - 7 updates the policies and responsibilities for the Wildland Fire Management Program. These chapters were developed in response to and incorporate updated policy associated with the National Cohesive Wildland Management Fire Strategy (2014); Secretary's Order 3336 - Rangeland Fire Prevention, Management and Restoration, dated January 5, 2015; and the Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy (2015). Highlights of revisions to the chapters are provided below:

620 DM 1 - Changes the Chapter title from "General Policy and Procedures" to "Policy and Program Management." Updates the policy to add program principles, including adding objectives, and a vision. Adds a section on the mechanisms to develop and issue policy. Describes the requirements for wildland fire program budget development and execution, and adds a section on information technology governance principles, goals, and structure. Authorities and definitions are removed from the chapter and listed in Appendices.

620 DM 2 - The Chapter is given a new title "Responsibilities and Governance." Policy for the Alaska program is updated and moved to a new Chapter 5. The new chapter 2 describes the governance structure, e.g., identifies and describes the principal councils, boards, and groups (along with their responsibilities) responsible for developing policy and coordinating management of the program.

620 DM 3 - A new Chapter 3 is established entitled "Preparedness" that provides Departmental policy for operational capability to prevent, protect against, and respond to wildfires. The policy for Burned Area Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation currently in Chapter 3 is updated and moved to a new Chapter 7.

620 DM 4 - This is a new chapter "Wildfire Response." It provides Departmental policy for all activities conducted from the time a wildfire is reported until the fire is extinguished and documentation is completed and filed.

620 DM 5 - Policy for wildland fire management in Alaska (previously described in 620 DM 2) is updated and described in a new chapter (620 DM 5). The revised policy updates the description of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) role and responsibility and updates the policy and requirements for cooperative agreements between BLM and the State of Alaska and/or other organizations.

620 DM 6 - Fuels Management. A new chapter that provides policy for the Department's Fuels Management Program.

620 DM 7 - Post-Wildfire Recovery. A new chapter that updates and incorporates policy previously in Chapter 3 that provides policy and requirements for post-wildfire recovery for use of burned area emergency stabilization and burned area rehabilitation on Department of the Interior managed lands.

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