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## Memorandum

To: Regional Directors

From: Deputy Director A. Durand Jones /s/ **A. Durand Jones**

Subject: Resource Ordering and Status System Implementation

The Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) has become a reality (see attached National Wildfire Coordination Group letter). This project has had strong commitment from the interagency wildland fire community as they contributed funding and made personnel available for project teams. It is important that we continue to follow through on implementation of ROSS so we can begin to derive the benefits the system will deliver.

Each geographic area is on a different time schedule for completing implementation. A certification process has been developed which involves fire operations personnel in determining the proper time for transitioning from a paper resource ordering system to ROSS. Once that determination has been made and coordinated with your interagency partners, I expect that the National Park Service will begin utilizing ROSS.

To complete the implementation phase, it is important to support training that is ongoing across the country. Please continue to make training instructors, student coaches, and student trainees available to attend these valuable sessions.

I am sure there will be some rough spots along the way to completely implement ROSS across the country. The project teams have demonstrated their responsiveness and proficiency in resolving issues as they occur. This is a change that will improve our resource ordering and status tracking practices. I appreciate your support as we move forward.

Attachment