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The Forest Service (FS) and Department of the Interior (DOI) recently completed the
Interagency Dispatch Optimization Pilot Project (IDOPP) conducted with state, local, and tribal
participation. The IDOPP presented alternatives to improve dispatching for fire, law
enforcement, and resource management personnel.

The Interagency Dispatch Implementation Project (IDIP) effort is the next step and is authorized
under the enclosed Charter that also sets the framework for establishment of three core-working
groups funded by the FS that will review the recommendations and execute projects using the
most cost effective methods.

The focus of the overall project is to improve program delivery of dispatch services while
meeting the mission needs of the FS and DOI. The working groups will assess the current
business and organizational models, identify issues and user requirements, and develop
implementable alternatives to improve customer satisfaction and mission delivery while
improving program efficiency and cost effectiveness. They will review current policy and
identify where standardization can result in increased efficiency and improved safety for our
personnel and the public.

Interagency leadership is recruiting subject matter experts and management representatives for
the core IDIP teams, an effort coordinated by National Interagency Coordination Center
Manager, Susie Stingley-Russell, the National Geographic Area Coordinators, and the project
lead.

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