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DOI OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM (OPM) - 36

Subject: Interagency Fire Standards for DOI Pilots

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1. **Summary of Changes.** The Executive Aviation Subcommittee (EAS) reviewed on 10 November, 2022, and determined that no changes were required to the OPM.
2. **Purpose.** This OPM establishes policy for the use of DOI pilots on Interagency Fire incidents.
3. **Authority.** This policy is established by the Director, Department of the Interior, Office of Aviation Services (OAS) in accordance with the provisions of Departmental Manual 112 DM 12, 350 DM 1; and Secretarial Order 3322 dated August 23, 2012.
4. **Policy.** DOI pilots supporting interagency fire incidents shall:
 - A. Be authorized by their respective bureau to provide such support.
 - B. Meet the pilot qualification requirements of 351 DM 3.3 - Vendor Pilot Qualifications.
 - C. Incidental Pilots must also have a Letter of Authorization (see 351 DM 3.2B) issued by at least the regional/state office in coordination with the bureau's national aviation manager. The letter must include a description of pilot duties and restrictions to include any special-use requirements.
 - D. Comply with all requirements of 351 DM 3.1, 351 DM 3.4, 351 DM 3.5 and any other portions of the *Departmental Manual* applicable to DOI pilots, including pilot carding for authorized missions.

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