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To: All DOI Aviation Operations

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Subject: Aviation Management Council (AMC)

The Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service have formally chartered an Aviation Management Council (AMC) effective November 18, 1998. This Charter fulfills the objectives and procedures defined in a March 1996 Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior to manage combined aviation services support functions as a coordinated and cooperative effort.

The AMC is comprised of agency representatives, oversight teams, and committees whose work will be defined in annual operations plans and coordinated at the national level. This Council will focus on activities involving U.S. Forest Service and Department of the Interior aviation interface. Issues will be coordinated through either the AMC Business Management Oversight Team or the AMC Aviation Operations Oversight Team to be formally assigned within this process. This interagency effort does not change the internal policy approval processes of either agency. For DOI, AMC policy proposals will be coordinated with the Aviation Management Board of Directors.

Copies of the DOA/USFS-DOI MOU and the AMC Charter can be found on the OAS website (www.oas.gov). They are also available through the OAS Headquarters office (208-387-5750).