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2. ER 1130-2-540, Chapter 8, Section 8-3a., Policy, and EP 1130-2-540, Chapter 8, Section 8-3a., Guidance, will be updated to reflect the new authorization and will include references to comply with all applicable Corps regulations concerning contracts and the procurement of wildfire fighting services.

3. Funding request for wildfire suppression activities will be incorporated into the Operations Natural Resources Budget Code 60411, Management of Natural Resources for Environmental Stewardship. These funding requests will be incorporated during the yearly budget cycle in a similar manner as request for control burns, the establishment and maintenance of firebreaks, and access roads for suppression. No contracts may be established until funds are appropriated for such efforts.

4. The CECW-CO POC for this issue is Mr. Tim Toplisek, (202) 761-4259.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Chief, Operations
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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in fiscal year 1992 and thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution are authorized to enter into contracts with State and local governmental entities, including local fire districts, for procurement of services in the presuppression, detection, and suppression of fires on any units within their jurisdiction.