2011
Fire Management Plan
Review and Update
For the

Greater Sand Dunes Interagency Fire Management Plan
Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve

This annual review of the Fire Management Plan (FMP) is a requirement of NPS Reference Manual – 18 (Wildland Fire Management), as specified in Chapter 4, stating that "an annual review is essential to ensure that the FMP continues to conform to current laws, objectives, procedures, and strategies." The review and update process is intended to keep the FMP as current as possible. Changes in the step-up plan, cooperative agreements, and adjustments to the multi-year treatment plan are examples of appropriate revisions to a FMP using this review and update format. The updates identified in this document will become effective upon signature by the Park Superintendent.

A Service First reorganization of all Federal Fire managers in the San Luis Valley was completed April of 2010. The "San Luis Valley Interagency Fire Management Unit" (SLV IFMU) resolution and charter was approved which formalized this arrangement. This agreement combined the various fire resources into one integrated organization. In this, GRSA will be relying on the SLV IFMU for Duty Officer coverage. A Delegation of Authority is in place which spells out Duty Officer responsibilities.

Compliance
Confirm that the following three (3) environmental compliance documents are still valid:

- **NEPA**
  - **CE, EA, or EIS**
  - **Decision Document (CE, FONSI, or ROD)**
- **NHPA**
  - **Section 106**
  - **Concurrence letter from SHPO**
- **ESA**
  - **Section 7**
  - **Concurrence letter from USFWS for informal consultation or signed Biological Opinion from USFWS for formal consultation**

NOTE: If major changes in the wildland fire and/or fuels management program have occurred that do not conform to the existing environmental compliance documents, then the FMP may be suspended and a new compliance process required.

__X__ No update (place a note to project file and in PEPC affirming this review)
_____ Update included here:

Step-up Plan
__X__ No update
_____ Update included here:

Multi-year Fuels Treatment Plan
__X__ No update

_____ Update included here:

Organizational Responsibilities

_____ No update

__X__ Update included here:

As mentioned above, the SLVIFMU has been delegated the authority to act as Duty Officer and provide Initial Response for GRSA. One new element is that the National Park Service funding for the Engine Captain position, will be transferred to the Forest Service. The Forest Service will then add funding to the position in order to fund it at 18 pay periods. The result, is that GRSA will be transferring supervision and the position itself to the Forest Service.

Preattack Plan

The park should ensure the following documents are in place for 2011:

- **Agreements, Annual Operating Plans, and related local interagency coordination documents**
- **Delegation of Authority (as specified on page 03-2 in Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations) from the Park Superintendent to Appropriate Individual(s) for wildland fire activities and operations**

__X__ No update

_____ Documents have been reviewed, updated, and are on file at the park.

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Fire Management Officer Date

Approved by: 5/9/11

Superintendent Date