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**DOI OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES MEMORANDUM (OPM) - 36**

**Subject:** Interagency Fire Standards for DOI Pilots

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2023

**Last Updated:** November 10, 2022

**Expiration Date:** December 31, 2023

**1. Summary of Changes.**

No changes.

- 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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