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This interim directive (ID) adds and clarifies fire danger oversight responsibility for designated fire management officials. The direction in this ID implements action item A-3-b from the "Thirtymile Accident Prevention Plan" (December 2001, as updated), prepared by the USDA Forest Service in cooperation with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) in response to the investigation findings and recommendations for the Thirtymile Fire. Notice of the issuance of this ID was published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2003 (68 FR 20111).

5124.04 - Adds the Forest Supervisor's responsibility to develop and distribute Fire Danger Pocket Cards to each fireline supervisor on Type 3, 4, and 5 fires.

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5124.04 - Responsibility

1. The Director, Fire and Aviation Management Staff, Washington Office, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the National Fire Danger Rating System and for the coordination of these activities with the National Interagency Coordination Center at Boise, Idaho.
2. Line officers are responsible for ensuring that adequate training and facilities are made available to support National Fire Danger Rating operations.
3. In addition to the responsibilities in paragraph 2, Forest Supervisors also have the responsibility to develop historical fire danger data; to obtain Regional certification for and distribute Fire Danger Pocket Cards to each fireline supervisor on Type 3, 4, and 5 wildfires; and to post the cards on the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) web site at <http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/default.htm>.