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To: NWCG Members, Working Team/Advisory Group Chairs
From: NWCG Chair /s/ J.L. Stires
Subject: ROSS Release and Implementation

I am proud to announce the NWCG's support for implementation of the Resource Ordering and Status System. While some minor development and on going maintenance work will continue, the modules completed to date permits us to begin use of this important system. We hope to see many geographic areas move to complete implementation of the system during the 2003 field season.

ROSS has been in the implementation phase for more than a year. All geographic areas except California have completed training for the Administration Module and implementation of this module is more than 80% complete. Training and implementation for the dispatch module is progressing and by late spring will be more than 50% complete. Geographic Areas who received the dispatch training prior to last summer will be offered refresher courses prior to beginning use this coming spring.

It is critical that each agency support this effort by providing written guidance directing implementation, conducting training within each geographic area, and making training instructors and student coaches available to support this effort.

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