

# APPENDIX D:

## SAMPLE LETTER FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

August 1, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I wish to become re-certified under the new AFE re-certification program. I was certified as a Senior Fire Ecologist in 2013 under the name Smokey T. Bear and would like to be re-certified in that same position. It has been over six years since I was certified. During that time, I have completed the following continuing education activities:

### 2013

- Webinar attendance – J. Bezoss. *How Amazon can help firefighting*. Hosted by Northern Rockies Fire Learning Network. January 2013 (1/8 point)
- Webinar presentation – S. Bear. *Fire prevention in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Sponsored by IAWF. May 12, 2013. 15 attendees. [www.iawf/seminars](http://www.iawf/seminars). (1/4 point)

### 2014

- University course student – Fire Ecology. University of Idaho Instructor: Penny Morgan. Spring 2014. (3 points)
- NWCG course instructor – RX310, Fire Effects. Missoula, Montana. May 2014. (1 point)
- Publication – Bear, S.T. 2016. *Spatiotemporal variability of wildland fuels in US Northern Rocky Mountain forests*. *Forests* 7:129. (1 point)

### 2015

- University course student – Wildland Fire Management. University of Montana. Instructor: Carl Seilstat. Spring 2015. (3 points)

### 2016

- Nothing.

### 2017

- NWCG course student – RX510, Advanced Fire Effects. Tucson, Arizona. February 2017. (1 point)
- Full attendance at the 2017 AFE International Conference (1 point). Gave three presentations (3/4 point). Attended 23 presentations over the four days. Attended a day-long training session on wildland fuel sampling taught by Roger Ottmar (1/2 point).

### 2018

- Nothing

From the above, I estimate that, over the last six years, I have achieved over 11.5 points, or an average of at least 1 point per year, which fulfills the re-certification requirement as specified in the guidebook. I did not record all continuing education activities in the list above, so if there is a problem, I can supply more documentation of my activities since 2013. I acknowledge that I will pay a \$25 fee to be re-certified for a Senior Fire Ecologist. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires, but I've learned now that not all fires are bad.

I look forward to your decision.

With warm regards,  
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