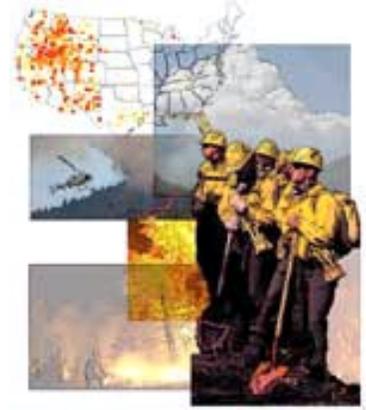




The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in Arizona



Overview

The National Fire Plan implements program activities in five key areas across the landscape. These key points are designed to respond to the severe wildfires of 2000, reduce their impacts on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated National Fire Plan allocations to Arizona include (\$ in thousands):

Firefighting		Rehab and Restoration	Hazardous Fuel Treatment	Forest Health Projects	Community Assistance				TOTAL
Preparedness	Facilities				State Fire Assistance	Volunteer Fire Assistance	Economic Action Programs	Comm'ty & Private Land Fire Assist..	
39,181	2,142	1,279	9,905	206	1,309	259	670	2,073	57,024

* Does not include \$1,500,000 for Research activities in Arizona in support of the National Fire Plan.

Firefighting Resources

Staffing the most efficient organizational level to provide prompt initial attack suppression on wildfires.

- Preparedness Organization
 - Increase resources to 85 engines, 7 helicopters, 13 dozers, 607 preparedness positions.
- Workforce Development
 - In the Southwestern Region, 340 permanent positions and 515 temporary positions were filled in Round 1 hiring. For Round 2 hiring, 123 permanent positions were filled and 443 temporary positions. During Round 3 hiring, the Region has hired 250 permanent firefighters and 424 temporary firefighters.
- Fire Facilities - Support to 10 Regional facilities, including the Winslow Air Tanker Base, at a total cost of approximately \$2 million.

Rehabilitation

Assuring long-term efforts to improve lands unlikely to recover naturally from fire damage.

- Over 25 different project activities selected for FY 2001 implementation in Arizona on four major project areas burned in FY 2000. This work is in addition to Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) work already carried out on the sites. Activities include but are not limited to, reforestation; watershed, wildlife habitat and heritage site restoration; invasive plant treatments; grazing management; and road and trail restoration.

Project	Forest	# of Activities	Funding
Pumpkin	Kaibab	16	\$951,000
Pumpkin	Coconino	5	63,000
Coon Creek	Tonto	4	195,000
Peak	Tonto	2	70,000
Total		27	\$1,279,000

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

Targeting fuel management and reduction on high priority areas, especially wildland-urban interface areas.

- 38,328 of the planned treatment acres for fiscal year 2001 are in the wildland urban interface.
- Over 74,000 acres of fuels reduction projects have been completed (in fiscal year 2001 per the National Database 7/27/01).

Community Assistance

Enhancing community capacity to reduce wildfire risk and expand local economic opportunities.

- State Fire Assistance through the National Fire Plan will enhance State and local organizational skills to assist with firefighting efforts. Grants will be used for training and education, fuel reduction, hazard mitigation, and equipment needs. In addition to the National Fire Plan funding shown on the previous page, over \$275,000 is allocated in regular State Fire Assistance base program funds.
- Volunteer Fire Assistance will support training and equipment for rural and volunteer fire departments. In addition to the National Fire Plan funding shown on the previous page, \$76,000 is allocated in regular Volunteer Fire Assistance base program funds.
- Economic Action grant requests received from Arizona communities (\$12.2 million) exceeded available funds by a ratio of over 10 to 1. Seven Economic Action grants of \$1,139,000 were awarded in Arizona, ranging from \$45,000 to \$302,000. Economic Action Programs (EAP) will focus on development and expansion of markets and related local business opportunities for wood products from removed hazardous fuels.
- Community and Private Land Fire Assistance includes \$623,000 for Hazard Mitigation; \$173,000 for private land forest multi-Stewardship Planning; and \$5,000 granted to the Little Colorado Plateau RC&D to help implement the Fence Replacement Program in Arizona. Another element of this program is Community Planning for Fire Protection. Grant requests totaling \$3.1 million were received from Arizona communities and \$486,000 in grants was awarded to 14 Arizona communities. Most of the grants will be used to develop fire protection plans for communities that the State of Arizona has determined are at high risk of fire hazard, have strong community support and collaboration, have an economic need, and can demonstrate the ability to deliver products requested in their grant application. All at-risk communities (as identified by the State) that requested funding for developing a fire protection plan received requested funding.

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