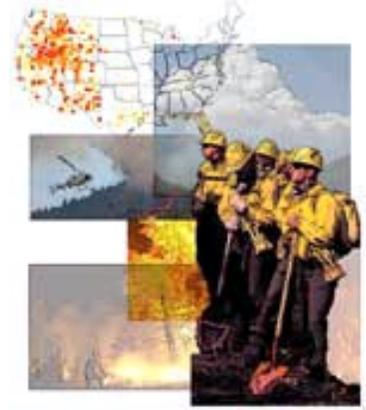




## The National Fire Plan

### FY 2001 Programs in California



**Overview** The National Fire Plan will implement program activities in five key areas across the landscape. These key points are designed to respond to the severe wildfires of 2000, reduce fire impacts on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated National Fire Plan allocations to California 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..	
190,000	6,585	1,000	40,017	1,476	2,400	959	2,381	762	250,663

Also: \$5,540,000 for Research and Development activities supports 12 research projects through the Pacific Southwest Research Station. Hazardous Fuel Reduction, State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance include both Title II and Title IV funds.

### Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization -
  - Region plans to add twelve 20-person crews in FY 2001, including two new Interagency Hotshot Crews and one new Helishot Crew.
  - 251 new pieces of equipment have been ordered, including 216 vehicles.
- Workforce Development - Funding included within the Preparedness allocation.
  - Approximately 800 new employees (including 484 permanent appointments) will be hired in California this year, with a total of 1600 by 2003.
  - Joint Apprenticeship Academy has trained 500 apprentices from all over the nation this year, and will train 500 more next year.
- Fire Facilities - Includes support for a new airtanker base on the Lassen NF, and for fire facilities (crew quarters, coordination centers, heliport systems, lookouts, and fire stations) around the state.

### Rehabilitation

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

- 15 projects implemented in California with FY 2001 funding of \$1,000,000.
- Projects include reforestation; watershed, wildlife and fisheries restoration; invasive plant treatments; road and trail restoration; and heritage site restoration.

## Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

- 258 hazardous fuel planning and operations projects funded at a cost of \$40.0 million.
- Approximately 183,424 acres will be treated.
- More than 64,000 acres of fuel reduction treatments have been accomplished and are entered into the National Database through 7/27/01.
- \$15 million is allocated for activities identified through the Quincy Library Group.
- \$1.0 million is allocated for the Quincy Library Group project.
- \$1.5 million is allocated for the Lake Tahoe Basin.
- \$2.4 million is allocated for work on the Giant Sequoia National Monument and the Sequoia NF.
- Forest Health Management supports over 30 projects at a total cost of \$1,476,000.

## Community Assistance

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

- \$1.7 million for State Fire Assistance through the National Fire Plan for training and education, equipment and 29 hazard mitigation and fuel reduction projects, in addition to \$700,000 base program funding for enhanced state and local preparedness.
- \$893,000 for Volunteer Fire Assistance through the National Fire Plan to support 210 rural and/or volunteer fire departments, in addition to \$66,000 base program funding.
- The Economic Action Program (EAP) and the Community and Private Land Fire Assistance programs support 64 grants to communities and organizations totaling \$2.9 million.
- The Economic Action Program emphasizes business development and expansion of markets for products from removed fuels.
- Community and Private Land Fire Assistance program supports hazard mitigation, enhanced private forest stewardship planning, community fire planning and Economic Action Pilot Projects.

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