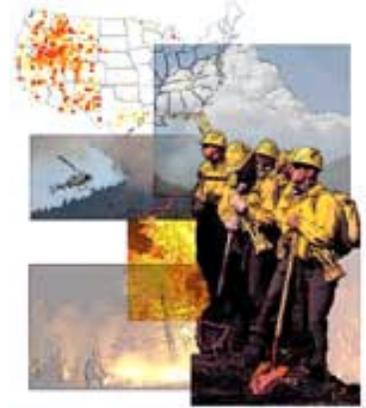




## The National Fire Plan

### FY 2001 Programs in Illinois



### 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, to reduce their impacts on rural communities, and to enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated National Fire Plan allocations (\$ in thousands) to Illinois include:

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..	
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\* Preparedness includes Shawnee NF (\$554,000) and Midewin NTP (\$142,000); Total includes \$400,000 Research and Development..

### Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization - Increase resources within the 20-state Eastern Region to 125 engines, 17 dozers, 525 preparedness positions, and one Interagency Hotshot Crew.
- Workforce Development - 274 new hires planned within the 20-state Eastern Region (includes seasonal, temporary, and conversions to permanent).
- Fire Facilities - Investment in Regional facilities planning support, at a cost of approximately \$2 million.

### Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

- No fuel reduction treatments have yet been documented in the National Database as of 7/27/01.
- Hazardous fuel reduction treatments planned for 363 acres on the Shawnee National Forest, and for 304 acres on the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie.
- Multiple fuels reduction and hazard mitigation activities proposed on non-federal lands.
- Forest Health Management base program activities help to prevent and control invasive species.

- Approximately \$400,000 for research on public responses to treatments such as thinning, removing mid-level canopy and ground layers, prescribed fire, and use of herbicides. Results on aesthetic impacts of treatments and social acceptability will facilitate communication with the public about fire management and strengthen support for fire management and restoration treatments. (RWU-4902, Evanston, IL)

## Community Assistance

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

- Approximately \$90,000 in State Fire Assistance will increase organizational and preparedness skills to assist with firefighting efforts, and \$45,000 will support Hazard Mitigation projects. Grants will fund training and education, fuel reduction and hazard mitigation, dry hydrant projects, equipment, and Firewise awareness training. An additional \$114,000 is allocated in regular base program funds.
- Approximately \$100,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance will support training and equipment to meet the needs of a portion of the 1,084 rural volunteer fire departments in Illinois. An additional \$161,000 is allocated in regular base program funds.
- \$985,000 in National Fire Plan Community Assistance will support activities across the 20 northeastern states. Included are:
  - Economic Action Programs to develop and expand markets for wood products from removed fuels.
  - Community and Private Land Assistance to enhance fire planning in communities, enhance stewardship planning, and fund fuel management.

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