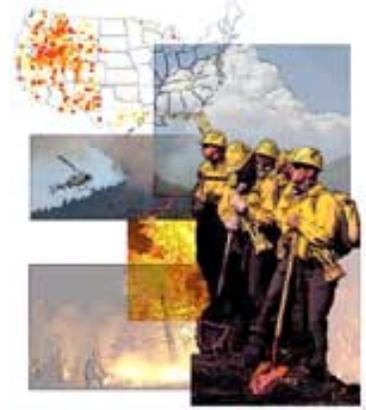




## The National Fire Plan

### FY 2001 Programs in Indiana



### 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 NFP allocations to Indiana include (dollars 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..	
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### Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization - Increase State resources to 4 engines, 1 helicopter, and 6 preparedness positions; and 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 for the 20-state Eastern Region (includes seasonal, temporary, and conversions to permanent).
- Fire Facilities - Invest \$350,000 in expansion of the Fire Cache on the Hoosier NF to include an Interagency Coordination Center, as part of a \$2 million Regional facilities expansion program.
- Coordination Center contracting initiated June 18, 2001.
- Federal Excess Personal Property - Build on the estimated \$9 million inventory value of equipment and material already loaned to state fire organizations and their cooperators in Indiana.

### Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

- No fuel reduction treatments accomplishments yet documented in the National Database. 7/27/01.
- Verbal communication indicates 351 acres have been treated for fuel reduction to date.
- National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Planning for 4,000 acres is on-going.

## Community Assistance

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

- Approximately \$75,000 in State Fire Assistance supports increased organizational and preparedness skills to assist with firefighting efforts, and \$111,000 has been granted for Hazard Mitigation projects. Grants are for training and education, fuel reduction and hazard mitigation, equipment, dry hydrant hazard mitigation projects, and Firewise awareness training. An additional \$77,000 is allocated in regular base program funds.
- Approximately \$100,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance supports training and equipment to meet the needs of a portion of the 850 rural volunteer fire departments in Indiana. An additional \$117,000 is allocated in regular base program funds.
- \$985,000 in Community Assistance supports activities across the 20 northeastern states, including:
  - Economic Action Programs to develop and expand markets for wood products from removed fuels; and
  - Community and Private Land Assistance to enhance fire planning in communities, enhance stewardship planning, and fund fuel management.

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