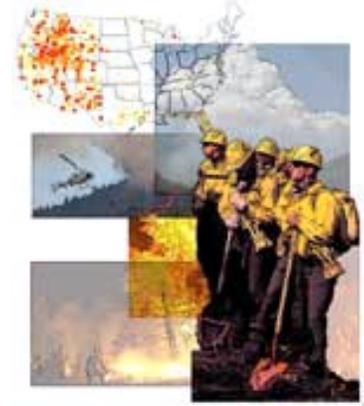




The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in Nevada



Overview

The National Fire Plan implements program activities in five key program areas. 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 Nevada 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..	
5,860	506	788	322	0	748	142	200	1,975	10,691*

* Includes \$150,000 for Research and Development activities in Nevada 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
 - \$5,860,000 allocated to build the most efficient fire preparedness level.
 - 73 permanent positions planned for hire in fiscal year 2001 to meet MEL.
 - As of 7/10/01, 257 permanent employees and 87 temporary employees hired to meet MEL.
 - Equipment available for firefighting this year: 18 engines, 2 helicopters,
- Fire Facilities
 - Contract awarded for remodel of regional facility to support firefighting in Washoe County, totaling \$788,000.
 - Remodel fire facility on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
 - Contract awarded for emergency lighting for vehicles in Storey County, totaling \$107,000.
 - Contract awarded for vehicles in Storey County, totaling \$97,000.

Rehabilitation

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

- 27,100 acres of National Forest System lands burned in the 2000 fire season.
- 6 projects selected for FY 2001 implementation in Nevada.
- \$788,000 of the \$142,000,000 national total in FY 2001 allocated for projects in Nevada.
- Projects include: watershed and wildlife habitat restoration; boundary reestablishment; invasive

plant treatment; and grazing management.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

- 110 acres of hazardous fuel treatment has been completed and recorded in the National Database as of July 27, 2001.

Community Assistance

*Enhancing community capacity to reduce wildfire risk and expand local economic opportunities on **private, state and tribal lands** through federal:non-federal cost-shares. The Community Assistance programs in the NFP include:*

- **State Fire Assistance** -\$748,000 granted to the State to increase the readiness level of state and local firefighting organizations, by providing technical training, funding and equipment and delivery of Firewise workshops. Of the total funding, \$622,000 is dedicated to **Hazardous Fuel Reduction** projects and development of defensible space in high-risk areas in and around communities, evaluated and prioritized through a collaborative process with the State.
- **Volunteer Fire Assistance** -\$142,000 granted to the State to prepare rural (local and volunteer) fire departments, which protect communities with populations of less than 10,000, to improve their readiness for and response to wildfires- especially in the wildland-urban interface. Provides funding and technical assistance directly to these fire departments for training and equipment to enhance protection capabilities across all land ownerships.
- **Economic Action Program** -\$200,000 supports Forest Service technical assistance and grants to state, federal, county, local, tribal governments and not-for-profit organizations, to help communities develop opportunities and enterprises to diversify uses of forest resources and hazardous fuel byproducts, and increase state utilization and marketing capabilities.
- **Community and Private Land Fire Assistance** - Includes:
 - **Fence and Infrastructure Reconstruction** -\$755,000 supports the repair, replacement and reimbursement of fences on private, state and tribal lands damaged by the 2000 fires. Funds can also be used for reimbursement of losses and longer-term restoration of facilities such as roads, trails and other "similar facilities.
 - **Hazardous Fuels Cost-Share Incentives** -\$335,000 supports grants to State Forester to reduce and remove hazardous fuels in areas impacted by fire. Regions will work with the States to identify needs and priorities on state, private and tribal lands.
 - **Multi-resource Stewardship** -\$395,000 supports grants to State Forester to assist landowners to prepare or revise multi-resource management plans on state, private and tribal lands impacted by fire. Funds cost-share restoration projects such as tree planting, revegetation, soil stabilization and watershed restoration work on these lands. Targets impacted communities and local workers/businesses.
 - **Economic Action Pilot Projects** -\$260,000 supports grants to state, federal, county, local, tribal governments and not-for-profit organizations, to assist fire-impacted communities to expand and develop markets for wood products resulting from hazardous fuel removal as well underutilized small diameter material. Demonstration projects showing end-use such as timber bridges, round timber construction, and biomass-to-energy projects will be emphasized.
 - **Community Fire Planning** -\$230,000 supports grants awarded directly to communities and

a variety of other partners including state, county, and tribal governments, and not-for-profits, to develop and revise Community strategic, action and fire risk management plans targeting those most impacted by fires. Funds increase community resiliency and capacity and encourage strategic growth. Local Forest Service offices are helping to identify communities.

Note: Collection of accomplishment data continues on a daily basis.

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