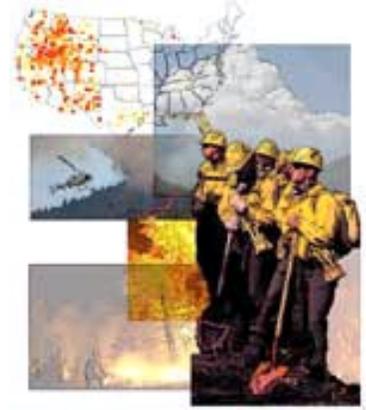




The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in Utah



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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, to reduce their impacts on rural communities, and to enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated National Fire Plan allocations to Utah 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..	
17,931	600	392	2,313	210	2,445	142	522	1,631	26,186

* Includes \$500,000 for Research and Development activities in Utah 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
 - \$17,931,000 allocated to build the most efficient level of fire preparedness.
 - 106 permanent positions planned for hire in fiscal year 2001 to meet MEL.
 - As of 7/10/01, 81 permanent employees and 184 temporary employees hired to meet MEL.
 - Equipment available for firefighting this year: 31 engines, 6 helicopters
 - Personnel available: 293 firefighters (includes all crews, initial attack, etc.)
 - A new interagency Type I hotshot crew is fully trained and has been dispatched to Region 3. The crew is sponsored by Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State lands and is supported with FS funds through the consolidated grant under S&PF.;
- Fire Facilities
 - Improvement to the airtanker facility on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, construction of and improvements to Interagency fire facilities, and construction of 3 crew bunkhouses.
 - 4 contracts awarded for helibase leases in Morgan, San Juan, Utah and Iron Counties totaling \$64,187.

Rehabilitation

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

Forest System lands.

- 24,000 acres of National Forest System lands burned in the 2000 fire season.
- 22 projects selected for implementation in FY 2001 in Utah.
- \$392,000 of the \$142,000,000 national total in FY 2001 was allocated for projects in Utah.
- Projects include: water systems restoration; road, watershed, wildlife habitat, trail restoration; 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.*

- Over 3,500 acres of hazardous fuel treatments have been completed in fiscal year 2001 and are entered in the National Database.

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** -\$2,445,000 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, \$2,319,000 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.
- **Forest Health Management** -\$210,000 supports Forest Service Field Offices and State Foresters in a coordinated effort to detect, monitor, evaluate, prevent and suppress invasive species on federal and nonfederal forestlands between all federal agencies, states, and tribal governments impacted by fire. State Forestry Agencies receive funding to assist private landowners.
- **Economic Action Program** -\$522,000 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** -\$70,000 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** -\$407,000 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.
 - Completed one hazard mitigation project in the northern part of the state. 36 projects are funded

- **Multi-resource Stewardship** -\$511,000 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** -\$292,000 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** -\$351,000 support 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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