



The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in Kansas

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 enhance firefighting capabilities in the future. Estimated allocations to Kansas 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..	
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*includes USFS administration costs

Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization
 - Two new Interagency Hotshot Crews hired for the Intermountain Region.

Rehabilitation

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

- \$10,000 provided for 2 projects selected for FY 2001 implementation.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

- 1,340 acres of hazardous fuel treatment accomplishments are entered into the National Database as of 7/27/01.

Community Assistance

Enhancing local capacity to reduce risk and expand economic opportunities on private, state and tribal lands. private, state and tribal lands.

The following programs are included in the Community Assistance portion of the National Fire Plan:

- State Fire Assistance - Provides \$212,000 through the National Fire Plan, in addition to \$303,000 of regular program funds, for technical training, financial assistance, equipment to States for state and local firefighting crews, education, and hazard mitigation activities.
- Volunteer Fire Assistance - Provides \$8,000 through the National Fire Plan, in addition to \$171,000 of regular program funds, directly to local and volunteer fire departments for training and equipment.
- Economic Action Programs - Provides \$100,000 through the National Fire Plan to enable local communities to develop local solutions to environmental and economic concerns and issues. Includes activities to address needs in areas impacted by the 2000 fire, support to planning and prevention in areas of fire risk, and grant funds to explore economic opportunities associated with utilization of material from fuel reduction.

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