



## The National Fire Plan

### FY 2001 Programs in Nebraska

#### 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. Allocations to Nebraska 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 administrative costs

#### Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization
  - Approximately 90 percent of the positions planned for hire in fiscal year 2001 have been hired to meet MEL; including permanent, seasonal and temporary positions.

#### Rehabilitation

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

- \$160,000 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.*

- 1,090 acres hazardous fuels 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.** The following programs are included in the Community Assistance portion of the National Fire Plan:

- **State Fire Assistance** - Provides \$162,000 through the National Fire Plan, in addition to \$284,000 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 \$15,000 through the National Fire Plan, in addition to \$127,000 of regular program funds, directly to local or volunteer fire departments for training and equipment.
- **Economic Action Programs** - Provides \$151,000 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.
- **Community & Private Land Fire Assistance** - Provides \$92,000 to communities in burned and impacted areas. Grants will support community planning, pilot projects and activities to mitigate the impacts of past fires, reduce the risks of and prepare for future fires, and explore economic opportunities that arise from the National Fire Plan, such as establishment of dry hydrants, Stewardship planning and fuel management, hazard mitigation, and utilization of wood products from removed fuels.

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