



The National Fire Plan

FY 2001 Programs in South Dakota

Overview

In FY 2001, 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 allocations 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..	
2,184	0	5,371	3,457	20	569	77	145	350	12,173

Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization: Approximately 90 percent of the planned 35 positions for hire has been completed in FY 2001 to meet MEL

Rehabilitation

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

- 26 projects selected for funding, at a total cost of \$5.3 million, on the Jasper Fire and Flagpole Fires.

Hazardous Fuel Reduction

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

- 1,405 acres of hazardous fuels treatment accomplishments are entered in 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.***

- **State Fire Assistance** - Provides \$569,000 through the National Fire Plan, in addition to \$415,000 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 \$77,000 through the National Fire Plan, in addition to \$122,000 of regular program funds, to local and volunteer fire departments for training and equipment.
- **Economic Action Programs** - Provides \$145,000 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 season - including approximately \$150,000 for fence replacement in South Dakota, 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 and Private Land Fire Assistance** - Provides \$475,000 to communities in burned and impacted areas. Includes \$45,000 for Hazard Mitigation, \$104,000 for Forest Stewardship, \$45,000 for Economic Action and Community Fire Planning, and \$156,000 for Fence Replacement. 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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