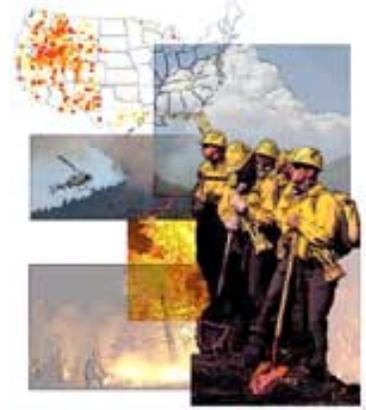




## The National Fire Plan

### FY 2001 Programs in Wyoming



### 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 Wyoming 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..	
7,724	600	994	2,686	0	1,044	101	182	475	13,806

### Firefighting Resources

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

- Preparedness Organization
  - \$7,724,000 allocated for fire preparedness.
  - To meet MEL, 39 positions planned for hire in Wyoming through Region 2 (90% filled).
  - To meet MEL, 39 permanent positions planned for hire in Wyoming through Region 4 (the Bridger-Teton National Forest); of these 27 permanent employees have been hired as of 7/10/01. An additional 23 temporary employees have been hired as of 7/10/01, to meet MEL on the Bridger-Teton National Forest.
- Fire Facilities - Support to fire facilities in Wyoming at a cost of \$600,000

### Rehabilitation

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

- Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation (BAER) work already carried out
- 36,700 acres of National Forest System lands burned in the 2000 fire season.
- 23 projects selected for implementation in FY 2001 in Wyoming.
- \$994,000 of the \$142,000,000 national total for FY 2001 was allocated for projects in Wyoming.
- Projects include: watershed, trail and wildlife habitat 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 4800 acres of fuels reduction projects have been completed as of July 27, 2001 and listed 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.*

- **State Fire Assistance** - Approximately \$1,044,000 for grants to the State to increase the readiness level of state and local firefighting organizations, by providing technical training, funding and equipment. Also supports treatment of high priority hazardous fuels and develops defensible space in high-risk areas in and around communities, and funds the delivery of Firewise education concept projects, evaluated and prioritized through a collaborative process with the State.
- **Volunteer Fire Assistance** - Approximately \$101,000 for grants 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** - Approximately \$182,000 for 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** - Approximately \$83,000 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** - Approximately \$116,000 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** - Approximately \$110,000 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** -\$141,000 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.
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- **Community Fire Planning** - \$25,000 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.

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