



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Arizona State Summary from Department of the Interior

Based on the National Fire Plan, the Department of the Interior (DOI) will implement a number of program actions to reduce hazardous fuels and their adverse effects on forest and range lands, mitigate the impacts of severe wildfires on rural communities, and enhance firefighting capabilities. In Arizona, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

Preparedness

- Hire 61 additional permanent employees and 89 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert 97 positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase one new engine and three other pieces of heavy firefighting equipment
- Obtain under contract one additional air attack aircraft
- Invest \$381,888 in the maintenance/construction of one facility

Research

Co-sponsor three research projects under the Joint Fire Science Program

Rehabilitation and Restoration

- Conduct long-term rehabilitation on 2,539 burned wildland acres - \$466,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 16,143 burned wildland acres - \$569,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 6,000 burned acres in the wildland-urban interface - \$104,000

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 52,615 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$8,436,000
- Treat 103,419 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$6,654,000

Community Assistance

For FY 2001, the DOI was appropriated \$10 million to initiate a pilot program of grants to rural fire districts. The Department expects to assist approximately 830 rural volunteer fire departments nationwide with training, equipment, and supplies to increase their level of preparedness for wildland firefighting.

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