



# National Fire Plan

## Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



### California 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 California, those actions will include the following:

#### Firefighting Resources

##### Preparedness

- Hire 47 additional permanent employees and 26 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert 76 positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase three new engines for firefighting
- Invest \$1,637,202 in four facilities maintenance and construction projects

##### Research

Co-sponsor 12 research projects under the Joint Fire Science Program

#### Rehabilitation and Restoration

- Conduct long-term rehabilitation on 42,230 burned wildland acres - \$1,749,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 3,000 burned wildland acres - \$54,000

#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 13,397 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$9,068,000
- Treat 47,417 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$6,609,000

#### 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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