



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Colorado 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 Colorado, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

Preparedness

- Hire 28 additional permanent employees and 76 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert 31 positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase four new engines, one water tender, and two other pieces of heavy firefighting equipment
- Invest \$196,560 in the maintenance/construction of one facility

Research

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

Rehabilitation and Restoration

- Conduct long-term rehabilitation on 19,104 burned acres - \$1,152,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 34,920 burned acres - \$1,334,000

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 18,427 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$3,283,000
- Treat 19,983 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$3,001,000

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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