



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Florida 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 Florida, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

Preparedness

- Hire 25 additional permanent employees and 9 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert 21 positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase one new piece of heavy firefighting equipment
- Invest \$358,800 in the maintenance/construction of one facility

Research

- Co-sponsor one research project under the Joint Fire Science Program

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 5,895 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$715,000
- Treat 151,349 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$1,382,000

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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