



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Idaho 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 Idaho, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

Preparedness

- Hire 54 additional permanent employees and 186 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert 41 positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase 21 engines, four water tenders, one dozer, and four other pieces of heavy firefighting equipment
- Obtain under contract four additional aircraft, including one single-engine air tanker, one large air transport, one air attack plane, and one jumper aircraft
- Invest \$6,842,080 in nine facilities maintenance and construction projects

Research

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

Rehabilitation and Restoration

- Conduct long-term rehabilitation on 300,399 burned acres - \$11,606,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 1,850 burned acres - \$656,000

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 32,759 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$7,511,000
- Treat 51,463 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$2,119,000

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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