



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Louisiana 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 Louisiana, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

Preparedness

- Hire five additional permanent employees and three additional temporary and/or career seasonal employees
- Purchase one new engine and two other pieces of heavy firefighting equipment

Research

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

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 1,200 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$120,000
- Treat 4,600 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$115,000

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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