



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Texas 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 Texas, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

- Hire 23 additional permanent employees and five additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert three positions to a more permanent status
- Invest \$819,520 in two facilities maintenance and construction projects

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 5,551 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$884,000
- Treat 60,375 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$1,615,000

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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