



National Fire Plan

Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



Virginia 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 Virginia, those actions will include the following:

Firefighting Resources

- Hire one additional career seasonal employee and convert five positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase one new engine for firefighting

Rehabilitation and Restoration

- Conduct long-term rehabilitation on 45 burned acres - \$37,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 20 burned acres - \$30,000

Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 218 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$241,000
- Treat 2,487 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$334,000

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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