



# National Fire Plan

## Managing the Impact of Wildfires on the Communities and the Environment



### Oregon 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 Oregon, those actions will include the following:

#### **Firefighting Resources**

##### Preparedness

- Hire 39 additional permanent employees and 106 additional temporary ad career seasonal employees; convert 95 positions to a more permanent status.
- Purchase seven new engines, one water tender, one dozer, and four other pieces of heavy firefighting equipment.
- Obtain under contract four additional aircraft, including three single-engine air tankers and one air attack aircraft.
- Invest \$808,464 in three facilities maintenance and construction projects.

##### Research

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

#### **Rehabilitation and Restoration**

- Conduct long-term rehabilitation on 111,225 burned acres - \$4,841,000
- Complete emergency stabilization on 39,000 burned acres - \$300,000

#### **Hazardous Fuels Reduction**

- Treat fuels on 54,298 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$7,283,000
- Treat 61,570 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$6,484,000

#### **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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