



# National Fire Plan

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



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

#### Firefighting Resources

- Hire eight additional permanent employees and 18 additional temporary and career seasonal employees; convert six positions to a more permanent status
- Purchase two new engines and nine other pieces of heavy equipment for firefighting

#### Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Treat fuels on 7,559 acres in wildland-urban interface areas - \$569,000
- Treat 65,835 acres to maintain/restore range or forest health - \$1,945,000

#### 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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