

USDA Forest Service Budget Summary

Compiled by the Council of Western State Foresters/Western Forestry Leadership Coalition 5/22/2019

Please note - this is not meant to be a comprehensive list of all the USDA Forest Service programs and budget line items. Treasury accounts reflect total after rescission

		[In Millions]						
	Program	FY15 Enacted	FY16 Enacted	FY17 Enacted	FY18 Enacted	FY19 Enacted	FY20 USFS Budget Request	FY20 House Recommendations ¹
Forest and Rangeland Research		\$296.00	\$291.00	\$288.51	\$297.00	\$300.00	\$254.50	\$277.16
	Forest Inventory and Analysis	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$77.00	\$73.17
State and Private Forestry		\$232.65	\$237.02	\$216.92	\$329.59	\$335.49	\$182.30	\$382.89
	Landscape Scale Restoration	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$0	\$20.00
	Forest Health Management - Federal Lands	\$58.92	\$58.92	\$55.50	\$55.50	\$56.00	\$51.50	\$54.58
	Forest Health Management - Cooperative Lands	\$45.66	\$40.68	\$39.00	\$41.00	\$42.00	\$34.38	\$49.16
	Forest Stewardship ²	\$23.04	\$23.04	\$20.04	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$19.48	\$25.00
	Forest Legacy Program	\$53.00	\$62.35	\$62.35	\$67.03	\$63.99	\$0	\$75.00
	Urban and Community Forestry	\$28.04	\$28.04	\$28.04	\$28.50	\$29.50	\$0	\$40.00
	State Fire Assistance ³	-	-	-	\$80.00	\$81.00	\$65.93	\$83.11
	Volunteer Fire Assistance	-	-	-	\$16.00	\$17.00	\$11.02	\$19.00
<p>¹ These numbers reflect the proposed adoption of the Forest Service budget reform proposal to eliminate cost pools and now only show the programmatic costs. Indirect costs are now shown in the Forest Service Operations BLI.</p> <p>² The FY 2020 Budget Request contains a name change request for Forest Stewardship to Working Forest Lands.</p> <p>³ The FY 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act shifted the State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance programs from Wildland Fire Management to State and Private Forestry. The FY 2020 Budget Request contains proposed name changes for State Fire Assistance and Volunteer Fire Assistance to National Fire Capacity and Rural Fire Capacity respectively.</p>								
National Forest System		\$1,494.33	\$1,509.36	\$1,513.32	\$1,923.75	\$1,938.00	\$1,912.75	\$1,599.31
	Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0	\$35.53
	Forest Products	\$339.13	\$359.81	\$367.81	\$366.00	\$368.00	\$375.00	\$276.60
	Vegetation and Watershed Management	\$184.72	\$184.72	\$184.72	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$165.59
	Land Management Planning, Assessment, and Monitoring ³	-	-	\$182.93	\$179.26	\$180.00	\$179.26	\$147.10
	Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness	\$261.72	\$261.72	\$264.60	\$257.85	\$280.00	\$257.85	\$194.47
	Hazardous Fuels ⁴	-	-	-	\$430.00	\$435.00	\$450.00	\$390.17

⁴ This line item was established in 2017 by combining the Land Management Planning and Inventory and Monitoring line items.

⁵ The FY 2018 Omnibus shifted the Hazardous Fuels program from Wildland Fire Management to National Forest System.

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Capital Improvement and Maintenance		\$360.37	\$364.16	\$364.01	\$449.00	\$446.00	\$434.00	\$419.10
	Facilities	\$71.60	\$71.39	\$71.39	\$151.00	\$148.00	\$151.00	\$148.84
	Roads	\$168.09	\$172.09	\$175.09	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$218.00	\$205.00
	Trails	\$77.53	\$77.53	\$77.53	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$65.00	\$65.26
Wildland Fire Management		\$2,333.30	\$2,386.33	\$2,833.42	\$2,880.34	\$3,004.99	\$2,350.62	\$2,009.55
	Preparedness	\$1,145.84	\$1,082.62	\$1,082.62	\$1,323.52	\$1,339.82	\$1,339.62	\$998.55
	Suppression	\$708.00	\$811.00	\$1,248.00	\$1,056.82	\$1,165.37	\$1,011.00	\$1,011.00 ⁶
	Additional Suppression Funding				\$500.00	\$500.00	-	-
	Fire Plan Research & Development	\$19.80	\$19.80	\$19.80	-	-	-	-
	State Fire Assistance	\$78.00	\$78.00	\$78.00	-	-	-	-
	Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$15.00	-	-	-	-
FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund		\$303.06	\$823.00	\$342.00 ⁷	-	-	-	-
Cap Adjustment for Wildfire Suppression ⁸		-	-	-	-	-	\$1,950.00	\$19,450.00
Forest Service Operations ⁹		-	-	-	-	-	-	\$921.85

⁶ The wildfire funding fix (enacted in FY 2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act to go into effect in FY 2020) freezes the Forest Service's suppression budget line item at the FY 2015 10-year average (calculated to be \$1,011 million). It also provides a budget cap adjustment to access additional funds needed for suppression in excess of this line item if that amount is exhausted.

⁷ The FY 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act supplied \$342 million for the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund as emergency spending.

⁸ Beginning in FY 2020 through FY 2027, the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior will have new budget authority available when suppression funding has been exhausted (enacted in FY 2018). This budget authority starts at \$2.25 billion in FY 2020 and increases by \$100 million each year through FY 2027. The FY 2020 budget requests the full \$2.25 billion adjustment with \$1,950 million for Forest Service and \$300 million for the Department of the Interior.

⁹ House Committee is recommending the creation of this account as the preferred method to accomplish the elimination of the cost pools to implement the budget reforms proposed by the Forest Service.

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