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## OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2015 – 001

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, National Park Service  
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation  
Director, U.S. Geological Survey

From: Jim Douglas, Director – Office of Wildland Fire 

Subject: Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Funds Execution and Wildland Fire Budget Allocations

**Purpose:** This memorandum provides the DOI Wildland Fire budget allocations based on Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Public Law (P.L.) 113-235. On December 16, 2014, Congress passed P.L. 113-235, making appropriations from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The bill provides funding for an annual appropriation.

**Scope:** This memo includes allocation amounts for fire management funded programs and activities in the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the National Park Service (NPS), the Office of Wildland Fire (OWF), and the department-wide fire activities. This memorandum supplements previously issued 2015 budget guidance provided in OWF Policy Memorandum 2014-004.

**Time Frame:** The P.L. 113-235 covers the 2015 fiscal year.

**Policy:** Bureau allocation amounts for the fiscal year are outlined in Attachment 1. Transfers of funds for the balance of the fiscal year were entered in the Treasury system on January 8, 2015. Bureaus were notified of the Treasury transaction numbers.

*Department-wide Activities:* Carryover funding available from the 2014 department-wide activities has been applied to the individual activity budgets, as available. Applying the carryover reduces the amount of 2015 funding required to fund the department-wide activities.

The LANDFIRE and WFMI projects are approved to proceed at the level shown on the DOI Wildland Fire Allocation spreadsheet version 13b.

*Fuels Program:* \$10 million within the Fuels Program is allocated to the BIA to support fuels management activities aimed at fulfilling trust responsibilities on reserved treaty rights lands.

Prior to obligation of funds for the reserved treat rights fuels activities, the BIA will provide the Office of Wildland Fire a description of the program of work for how these funds will be distributed and utilized.

Within the Fuels Management program \$10 million was identified for Resilient Landscapes activities. This funding is being held in the Parent account until distribution of funding is determined.

*Suppression Operations:* The Suppression Operations funding held in the parent will be allocated based on seasonal activity, similar to previous years.

Emergency Stabilization and Severity authority levels are not adjusted from the levels provided in OWF Policy Memorandum 2014-003.

*Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR):* The BAR allocation shown in attachment 1 represents the department-wide activity funding, and the first and second quarter BAR priority project funding. The balance remaining in the parent account of \$1.557 million will be distributed in subsequent project ranking. The table below outlines approved funding to date:

<b>Bureau</b>	<b>2015 BAR Funding</b>	<b>Carryover Available</b>	<b>Parent Carryover Allocated</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>
BIA	\$4,002,000	\$175,000	\$1,959,000	\$153,000	\$1,715,000
BLM	\$16,768,000	\$3,564,000	\$0	\$2,447,000	\$10,757,000
FWS	\$635,000	\$112,000	\$0	\$257,000	\$266,000
NPS	\$1,237,000	\$354,000	\$0	\$304,000	\$579,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,642,000</b>	<b>\$4,205,000</b>	<b>\$1,959,000</b>	<b>\$3,161,000</b>	<b>\$13,317,000</b>

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Attachment: DOI FY 2015 Annual Allocation

# Attachment 1

## DOI FY 2015 Allocations (P.L. 113-235)

### DOI FY 2015 Annual Allocations after Service Level Agreements & Distribution of Dept.-wide Activities to Sponsoring Bureau

	Preparedness	Suppression *	Hazardous Fuels	BAR	Facilities	JFSP	Total	% Share
BIA	\$ 65,350	\$ 26,377	\$ 39,260	\$ 1,868	\$ 1,894	\$ -	\$ 134,749	16.7%
BLM	\$ 177,948	\$ 68,889	\$ 67,065	\$ 13,204	\$ 2,560	\$ 5,990	\$ 335,656	41.7%
FWS	\$ 29,901	\$ 6,440	\$ 20,734	\$ 523	\$ 724	\$ -	\$ 58,322	7.2%
NPS	\$ 37,633	\$ 22,931	\$ 23,309	\$ 883	\$ 949	\$ -	\$ 85,705	10.6%
OWF	\$ 5,743	\$ 30	\$ 3,096	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,869	1.1%
Parent	\$ 2,395	\$ 166,989	\$ 10,536	\$ 1,557	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 181,477	22.5%
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 318,970</b>	<b>\$ 291,656</b>	<b>\$ 164,000</b>	<b>\$ 18,035</b>	<b>\$ 6,127</b>	<b>\$ 5,990</b>	<b>\$ 804,778</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>% Share of Total</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>36.2%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	OWF	Parent	TOTAL
<b>Previously Total Transferred</b>	\$ 25,065	\$ 81,974	\$ 11,816	\$ 14,503	\$ 2,149	\$ 11,605	\$ 147,112
<b>January Transfer</b>	\$ 109,684	\$ 253,683	\$ 46,506	\$ 71,202	\$ 6,720	\$ 169,871	\$ 657,666
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 134,749</b>	<b>\$ 335,657</b>	<b>\$ 58,322</b>	<b>\$ 85,705</b>	<b>\$ 8,869</b>	<b>\$ 181,476</b>	<b>\$ 804,778</b>

\* as of 1/8/2015