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OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2018-004

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: Jeff Rupert, Acting Director – Office of Wildland Fire

Subject: Additional Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Funds Execution and Wildland Fire Budget Allocations under Continuing Resolution

Purpose: This memorandum provides additional direction regarding the DOI Wildland Fire Management budget allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, based on amendment of Public Law (P.L.) 115-56, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017. On December 8, 2017, the President signed into law P.L. 115-90, which extends the expiration date of the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution (CR) from December 8, 2017 to December 22, 2017.

Scope: This memo outlines budget 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. Final budget guidance will be issued when a full year appropriation is enacted.

Time Frame: P.L. 115-56 and P.L. 115-90 cover FY 2018 from October 1, 2017 to December 22, 2017. This is a period covering 83 days, which is 22.74 percent of the FY. This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or modified.

Policy: Bureaus must continue to follow the CR terms and provisions outlined in OWF Policy Memorandum 2018-002 and the Departmental memo provided as Attachment 1.

Based on bureau feedback, all programs except Suppression Operations can be maintained without additional funding allocation during the CR extension period of December 9 through December 22. In order to reduce administrative burden during this short-term funding period and facilitate efficient financial management, only Suppression funding for BLM and OWF will be allocated. All unallocated funding are maintained in the Parent Account and available for request as needs arise. Allocation amounts for the CR under P.L. 115-90 are outlined below in Table 1.

Table 1: FY 2018 Wildland Fire Management Allocation for P.L. 115-90

Funding shown in thousands (\$000)

	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	OWF	Parent	Total CR #2 Funding
Preparedness	-	-	-	-	-	\$12,692	\$12,692
Suppression	-	\$10,000	-	-	\$50	\$5,015	\$15,065
Fuels Management	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,865	\$6,865
Burned Area Rehabilitation	-	-	-	-	-	\$781	\$781
Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	\$321	\$321
Joint Fire Science Program	-	-	-	-	-	\$228	\$228
P.L. 115-90 CR Allocation	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$25,902	\$35,952
TOTAL FY 2018 Allocation*	\$38,631	\$109,981	\$13,702	\$21,918	\$2,541	\$26,133	\$212,906

** as of December 11, 2017*

Transfers of funds for these allocations are in progress; OWF will notify bureaus of the Treasury transaction numbers once completed.

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Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Departmental Memo for CR Guidance through December 8