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## OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2018-009

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, Director – Office of Wildland Fire

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Subject: Additional Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Funds Execution and Wildland Fire Budget Allocations under Continuing Resolution through March 23, 2018

**Purpose:** This memorandum provides additional direction regarding the DOI Wildland Fire Management (WFM) 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 February 9, 2018, the President signed into law P.L. 115-123, which extends the expiration date of the FY 2018 Continuing Resolution (CR) from February 8, 2018 (as amended in P.L. 115-120) to March 23, 2018.

**Scope:** This memo outlines budget allocation amounts for WFM funded programs and activities for 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 WFM activities. Final budget guidance will be issued when a full year appropriation is enacted.

**Time Frame:** P.L. 115-56, P.L. 115-90, P.L. 115-96, P.L. 115-120, and P.L. 115-123 cover FY 2018 from October 1, 2017 to March 23, 2018. This is a period covering 174 days, which is 47.67 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 This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or modified.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 for CR Guidance Through December 8," dated September 28, 2017, which was sent as an attachment with OWF Policy Memorandum 2018-002 and 2018-004.

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Allocation amounts for the CR period through March 23, 2018 are outlined below in Table 1.

**Table 1: FY 2018 Wildland Fire Management Allocation for P.L. 115-123**

*Funding shown in thousands (\$000)*

	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	OWF	Net Parent	Total Funding Allocation
Preparedness	\$7,851	\$22,164	\$3,357	\$4,614	\$960	(\$10)	\$38,936
Suppression	\$4,180	\$10,916	\$1,020	\$2,370	\$0	\$27,729	\$46,215
Emergency Suppression	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fuels Management	\$5,051	\$10,290	\$2,460	\$2,828	\$384	\$47	\$21,060
Burned Area Rehabilitation	\$518	\$1,547	\$119	\$211	\$0	\$0	\$2,395
Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$986	\$986
Joint Fire Science Program	\$0	\$701	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$701
<b>Net P.L. 115-123 CR Allocation</b>	<b>\$17,600</b>	<b>\$45,618</b>	<b>\$6,956</b>	<b>\$10,023</b>	<b>\$1,344</b>	<b>\$28,752</b>	<b>\$110,293</b>
<b>TOTAL FY 2018 Allocation*</b>	<b>\$102,557</b>	<b>\$217,879</b>	<b>\$32,678</b>	<b>\$46,370</b>	<b>\$5,809</b>	<b>\$41,026</b>	<b>\$446,319</b>

*\* as of February 9, 2018*

Transfers of funds for these allocations will be completed the week of February 12, 2018; OWF will notify bureaus of the Treasury transaction numbers once completed.

Additionally, the following program guidance and direction applies:

**Resilient Landscapes:** Wildland Fire Resilient Landscapes (WFRL) activities are funded through the Fuels Management program. The CR funding level for Fuels Management does not provide designated funding with new budget authority for WFRL, and no new projects should be initiated. Bureaus are encouraged to support existing Collaborative work with Fuels funding. Existing Collaboratives are authorized to utilize their unobligated or unexpended prior-year funding for work that meets Collaborative goals and objectives. FY 2018 program management direction will be issued in a forthcoming memorandum.

**Rural Fire Readiness:** Rural Fire Readiness activities provide funding to assist Rural Fire Departments and Rangeland Fire Protection Associations that respond to wildfire incidents on lands under Bureau protection and have a cooperative wildfire response agreement with the Bureau. Use of funds is limited to wildland fire training, equipment, supplies, wildland fire prevention and fire mitigation activities. In accordance with OWF Policy Memorandum 2018-005 ["Authoritative Data Sources for Reporting and Fiscal Year/Calendar Year 2018 Reporting Due Dates for the Department of the Interior's Wildland Fire Management Program"], Bureaus are required to use the appropriate Authoritative Data Source to enter the data or metrics for WFM reporting activity. This includes the use of the Annual Reporting Template for Rural Fire Readiness activities that will be issued in a forthcoming memorandum.

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