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## DOI WILDLAND FIRE PROGRAM POLICY MEMORANDUM No. 2023-008

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: Jeffery Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire

Subject: Additional Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Allocations for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Public Law 117-58)

Due Date: Does not apply

Effective Date: Immediately

Expiration Date: Remains in effect unless rescinded or modified.

**Purpose:** This Policy Memorandum (PM) provides information and direction regarding the fourth round of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 allocations of funding for implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, or “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law” (BIL), Public Law (P.L.) 117-58.

**Background:** The direction in this PM supports the Department of the Interior’s continued implementation of BIL’s Wildland Fire Management (WFM) provisions. This PM covers the fourth round of approved allocations of BIL funding during FY 2023. This PM’s approved allocations and guidance are for Preparedness. These allocations are from FY 2023 appropriations.

**Coordination:** The Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) consulted bureaus and offices participating in Interior’s WFM program in developing the allocations covered by this PM.

**Scope:** This PM applies to budget allocations and execution for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service (NPS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), OWF, and any other bureaus or offices that receive WFM BIL funding allocations approved through this PM.

### **Existing Policy Affected:**

This PM relates to the following other PMs for allocations and execution of BIL funding:

- [DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-006](#), “Guidance for Initial Fiscal Year 2022

Budget Allocations and Execution for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58)”;

- [DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-007](#), “Further Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Allocations and Guidance on Implementation of Special Payments to Wildland Firefighters under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58)”;
- [DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-008](#), “Further Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Allocations (Public Law 117-58)”;
- [DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2023-002](#), “Initial Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Allocations for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Public Law 117-58)”;
- [DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2023-006](#), “Additional Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Allocations for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Public Law 117-58)”;
- [DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2023-007](#), “Additional Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Allocations for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Public Law 117-58)”.

**Authority:** [Departmental Manual Part 620 Wildland Fire Management](#); BIL (P.L. 117-58)

**Timeframe:** This PM applies to requirements of, and funding made available by, [P.L. 117-58](#). The allocations of funding detailed in this PM are from appropriations made available beginning in FY 2023. The funds are available until expended.

**Policy:**

**Budget Allocations:** See Table 1 (below) for new approved allocation amounts from P.L. 117-58 for FY 2023, by bureau or office, to implement BIL. This PM’s allocations are for special pay supplements for federal wildland firefighters, as authorized by BIL Division D, Title VIII, Section 40803(d)(4). The funds being made available through this PM are in addition to unobligated balances of previously approved allocations of BIL funding.

OWF notifies bureaus of Treasury transaction numbers once transfers are completed. Bureaus and offices should obligate funding consistent with policy guidance and direction provided in:

- [DOI Wildland Fire Program Policy Memorandum No. 2022-006](#), “Guidance for Initial Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Allocations and Execution for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58)”, which includes guidelines on administrative costs and reporting requirements; and
- [DOI Wildland Fire Program Policy Memorandum No. 2022-007](#), “Further Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Allocations and Guidance on Implementation of Special Payments to Wildland Firefighters under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58)”, which provides guidance on the BIL special pay supplements for federal wildland firefighters.

**Preparedness:** This PM approves the allocation of \$5,766,000 of the \$25,420,000 in FY 2023 BIL funding for Preparedness that remains unallocated. The allocations to bureaus and OWF are as indicated in Table 1 (see below). These allocations are to continue the special payments for federal

wildland firefighters that Interior is making pursuant to Section 40803(d)(4). The approved allocations totaling \$3,800,000 to BIA, BLM, and NPS—in combination with previous allocations to these bureaus, FWS, and OWF—are intended to cover the pay supplement costs for all bureaus and OWF through the last pay date of September 2023 (estimate). Bureaus should use these additional allocations consistent with the guidance in PM No. 2022-007, its attachments, and other relevant guidance.

The other \$1,966,000 approved for allocation through this PM will remain in the WFM parent account until it is needed. OWF will allocate this funding in time for the first pay date of FY 2024.

**Table 1**  
**Approved Allocations of Funding from the**  
**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58)**  
**for Special Pay Supplements for Federal Wildland Firefighters**  
(Dollars in thousands/ A)

Activity or Subactivity	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	OWF	Parent Account/ C	TOTAL, WFM Program
Previous Allocations for Firefighters' Compensation	14,105	66,716	16,740	15,971	602	0	114,134
New Allocations for Firefighters' Compensation/ B	50	3,000	0	750	0	1,966	5,766
<b>TOTAL, Allocations for Firefighters' Compensation</b>	<b>14,155</b>	<b>69,716</b>	<b>16,740</b>	<b>16,721</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>1,966</b>	<b>119,900</b>

A/ Allocations are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars for presentation in this table.

B/ These allocations are additional funding for BIL Section 40803(d)(4): the special pay supplements for federal wildland firefighters (the same purpose as allocations in DOI Wildland Fire Program PMs 2022-007, 2022-008, 2023-002, 2023-006, and 2023-007).

C/ OWF will transfer amounts from the WFM parent account to bureau and office accounts as needed for additional special pay supplements.

Table 2 (see below) shows the total amounts of approved allocations of BIL funding to date, by activity and bureau or office, including allocations covered by this PM:

**Table 2**  
**Cumulative Approved Allocations of Funding, FY 2022-2023**  
**from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58)**  
**by Bureau or Office**  
(Dollars in thousands/ A)

Activity or Subactivity	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	OWF	Parent	TOTAL Allocations, by Activity
<b>Preparedness/ B</b>	15,845	78,141	18,570	19,581	21,084	1,966	<b>155,187</b>
<b>Fuels Management/ C, D</b>	76,104	169,596	70,684	46,175	4,799	10,191	<b>377,549</b>
<b>Burned Area Rehabilitation/ C, D</b>	16,229	34,261	4,609	7,381	730	45,955	<b>109,165</b>
<b>Joint Fire Science Program</b>	0	5,075	0	0	0	0	<b>5,075</b>
<b>TOTAL Allocations, by Bureau or Office/ C</b>	<b>108,178</b>	<b>287,073</b>	<b>93,863</b>	<b>73,137</b>	<b>26,613</b>	<b>58,112</b>	<b>646,976</b>

A/ Allocations are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars for presentation in this table.

B/ For Preparedness, the OWF amount reflects that the FY 2023-approved allocations to OWF are offset by a reduction in a FY 2022-approved allocation to OWF that was not obligated (from DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-006).

C/ The allocation to OWF includes FY 2022 funding transferred to FWS Ecological Services (per DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-006).

D/ Some of these approved allocations are for work to begin in FY 2024. OWF transfers each bureau's allocations of funding as projects needing funding are identified and bureau approved in NFPORS.

Table 3 (see below) shows total approved allocations of BIL funding to date and unallocated amounts remaining in the WFM Parent account, including amounts approved for allocation through this PM:

**Table 3**  
**FY 2022 and FY 2023 Approved Allocations and Unallocated Amounts Remaining in the**  
**Parent Account from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58)**

(Dollars in thousands/ A)

Activity or Subactivity	FY 2022 Funding Available / B	FY 2022 Funding Approved Allocations	FY 2022 Funding Unallocated	FY 2023 Funding Available/ B	FY 2023 Funding Approved Allocations	FY 2023 Funding Unallocated	TOTAL Approved Allocations, by Activity or Subactivity
Preparedness/ C	75,560	75,560	0	99,500	79,627	19,873	155,187
Fuels Management/ D, E	251,297	251,297	0	126,252	126,252	0	377,549
Burned Area Rehabilitation/ D, E	75,620	75,620	0	33,545	33,545	0	109,165
Joint Fire Science Program	3,085	3,085	0	1,990	1,990	0	5,075
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>405,562</b>	<b>405,562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>261,287</b>	<b>241,464</b>	<b>19,873</b>	<b>646,976</b>

A/ Allocations are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars for presentation in this table.

B/ Available funding amounts are less the directed transfer of 0.5 percent of all appropriations to the Office of Inspector General.

C/ The approved allocations for FY 2023 amount reflects that the allocations are offset by a reduction in an approved FY 2022 allocation to OWF (from DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-006).

D/ The approved allocations for FY 2022 amount includes funding transferred to FWS Ecological Services (per DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2022-006).

E/ Some of these approved allocations are for work to begin in FY 2024. OWF transfers each bureau's allocations as projects needing funding are identified and bureau approved in NFPORS.

**Contacts:** For more information about this PM, you may contact the following DOI staff:

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