



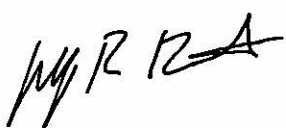
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### **OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2019-007**

**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 

**Subject:** Additional Guidance for Fiscal Year 2019 Funds Execution and Wildland Fire Budget Allocations under Continuing Resolution

**Purpose:** This memorandum provides additional direction regarding the DOI Wildland Fire Management (WFM) budget allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, based on amendment of Public Law (P.L.) 115-245: the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019. On January 25, 2019, the President signed into law P.L. 116-5, which extends the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution (CR) from December 21, 2018 to February 15, 2019.

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

**Time Frame:** P.L. 115-245, P.L. 115-298 and P.L. 116-5 cover FY 2019 from October 1, 2018 to February 15, 2019. This is a period covering 138 days, which is 37.81 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 This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or modified.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 2019-002.

Bureau allocation amounts for the CR are outlined below in Table 1. This includes CR allocation amounts based on the FY 2018 funding levels and taking into account an adjustment to reserve funds available in the Facilities activity for fire readiness and response priorities.

**Table 1: Wildland Fire Management FY 2019 CR Allocations**

*Funding shown in thousands (\$000)*

		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>OWF</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Total CR Funding</b>
<b>CR #1(October 1-December 7, 2018)</b>	<i>Preparedness</i>	\$ 12,428	\$ 35,250	\$ 5,277	\$ 7,282	\$ 1513	\$ 247	\$ 61,997
	<i>Suppression</i>	\$ 6,402	\$ 42,839	\$ 4,005	\$ 9,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,546
	<i>Suppression - Facilities Allocation</i>	\$ 324	\$ 2,846	\$ 79	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,433
	<i>Fuels Management</i>	\$ 7,773	\$ 6,532	\$ 3,878	\$ 4,488	\$ 763	\$ 845	\$ 34,279
	<i>Burned Area Rehabilitation</i>	\$ 824	\$ 2,459	\$ 195	\$ 336	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,814
	<i>Joint Fire Science Program</i>	\$ -	\$ 559	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 559
<b>CR #1(October 1-December 7, 2018) Allocation Adjustment</b>	<i>Preparedness</i>		\$ (15,000)					\$ (15,000)
	<i>Suppression</i>		\$ 23,000					\$ 23,000
	<i>Fuels Management</i>		\$ (8,000)					\$ (8,000)
<b>CR #2 (December 8, 2018 - December 21, 2018)</b>	<i>Suppression</i>	\$ -	\$ 36,407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,407
<b>CR #1(October 1-December 7, 2018) Allocation Adjustment</b>	<i>Preparedness</i>		\$ 15,000					\$ 15,000
	<i>Suppression</i>		\$ (23,000)					\$ (23,000)
	<i>Fuels Management</i>		\$ 8,000					\$ 8,000
<b>CR#3 (December 22, 2018 - February 15, 2019)</b>	<i>Preparedness</i>	\$ 12,887	\$ 36,485	\$ 5,485	\$ 7,568	\$ 1,262	\$ 141	\$ 63,828
	<i>Suppression</i>	\$ 5,402	\$ 9,885	\$ 1,319	\$ 3,063	\$ -	\$ 19,321	\$ 38,990
	<i>Fuels Management</i>	\$ 7,992	\$ 17,040	\$ 3,987	\$ 4,607	\$ 786	\$ 879	\$ 35,291
	<i>Burned Area Rehabilitation</i>	\$ 960	\$ 2,203	\$ 313	\$ 449	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,925
	<i>Joint Fire Science Program</i>	\$ -	\$ 575	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575
	<i>Facilities Allocation - Reserved for Readiness &amp; Response Priorities</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,827	\$ 2,827
<b>Total Bureau Allocation</b>		<b>\$ 64,992</b>	<b>\$ 203,080</b>	<b>\$ 24,538</b>	<b>\$ 37,277</b>	<b>\$ 4,324</b>	<b>\$ 24,280</b>	<b>\$ 358,471</b>

Transfer of funds has been completed, and OWF has notified bureaus of the Treasury transaction numbers.

In addition to funding levels provided in Table 1, the following budget guidance and direction applies:

**Preparedness:** In order to prevent further delays in wildland fire preparedness activities due to the furlough and FY 2019 appropriations status, bureaus are strongly encouraged to implement the highest priority Preparedness activities as expeditiously as possible to ensure the Department is prepared for the fire season through February and beyond. Use of carryover funding balances should also be considered.

**Suppression Operations:** All Suppression funding under the CR will be allocated. The basis for allocation is the percent share each bureau has of the ten-year rolling average, and allocations are adjusted to balance the additional Suppression funding BLM received under OWF Policy Memorandum 2019-005. If high fire activity requires more funding than is available in your bureau's allocation of Suppression, please contact OWF immediately.

**Fuels Management:** Funding for the Fuels Management (FM) program will remain at the FY 2018 allocation levels, as calculated for the period under the CR.

**Reserved Funding from Facilities:** No funding is allocated for Facilities under the CR. Funding available for the Facilities activity is reserved in the Parent account and will be redirected for fire readiness and response priorities as needed during the CR period. Please contact OWF with any requests for priority work to be completed by February 15, 2019.

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