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## OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2016 – 02

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) 2016 Funds Execution and Wildland Fire Budget Allocations

**Purpose:** This memorandum provides the DOI Wildland Fire budget allocations based on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law (P.L.) 114-113. On December 18, 2015, Congress passed P.L. 114-113, making appropriations through September 30, 2016. The Act 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 2016 budget guidance provided in OWF Policy Memorandum 2015-009.

**Time Frame:** The P.L. 114-113 covers fiscal year (FY) 2016.

**Policy:** Bureau allocation amounts for the fiscal year are outlined in Attachment 1. Transfers of funds for the balance of the fiscal year will be entered in the Treasury system the week of January 11, 2016. Bureaus were notified of the Treasury transaction numbers.

*Department-wide Activities:* The Interior Fire Executive Council determined funding for Department-wide activities in FY 2016. For FY 2016, there is a total of \$73.48 million allocated to Department-wide activities. OWF applied carryover funding available from the FY 2015 department-wide activities to reduce the amount of FY 2016 funding required to fund those activities.

***Risk Based Wildland Fire Management:*** In FY 2016 the Department begins implementation of Risk Based Wildland Fire Management. Risk Based Wildland Fire Management provides an integrated approach for wildland fire preparedness and fuels management budgeting (formulation and allocation), planning, and performance evaluation using risk as a common metric. This allocation is the first use of Risk Based Wildland Fire Management to inform the budget. During 2016 the Department and bureaus will continue to refine the use of Risk Based Wildland Fire Management. Attachment 1 shows the new allocation to bureaus.

***Preparedness Program:*** Within the Preparedness Program, \$41.854 million is allocated for Department-wide activities. This funding includes support for aviation services, IT management, and business services. The BLM received an increase of \$3.876 million in Preparedness funding to begin implementation of Risk Based Wildland Fire Management.

***Fuels Program:*** Within the Fuels Program, \$10 million is allocated to the BIA to support fuels management activities aimed at fulfilling trust responsibilities on reserved treaty rights lands. Additionally, \$10 million is allocated for Resilient Landscapes activities. This Resilient Landscapes funding is held in the Parent account until distribution of funding is determined. The BLM received an increase of \$5.397 million in Fuels Management funding to begin implementation of Risk Based Wildland Fire Management.

***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 2015-009.

***Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR):*** The BAR allocation shown in Attachment 1 represents the decisions documented in OWF Policy Memorandum 2015-009.

***Facilities:*** The Facilities funding currently held in the Parent account is to be used to fund costs associated with consolidation of leased facilities. Funding will be distributed during the second quarter of FY 2016.

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cc: Interior Fire Executives  
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Attachment: DOI FY 2016 Annual Allocation



# Attachment 1

## DOI FY 2016 Allocations

	Preparedness		Suppression	Fire Risk Management			Other Operations			Total	% Share
	Preparedness	Preparedness Risk Based Implementation		Fuels Management	Fuels Risk Based Implementation	[Resilient Landscapes] within Fuels Mgmt	BAR /1	Facilities	JFSP		
Department-Wide Activities	\$ 41,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,584	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,064	\$ -	\$ 5,990	\$ 73,492	9.0%
BIA	\$ 63,715	\$ -	\$ 26,379	\$ 29,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,619	\$ 565	\$ -	\$ 123,538	15.1%
BLM	\$ 147,032	\$ 3,876	\$ 68,893	\$ 66,596	\$ 5,397	\$ -	\$ 12,981	\$ 2,334	\$ -	\$ 307,109	37.5%
FWS	\$ 28,422	\$ -	\$ 6,440	\$ 20,743	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,475	\$ 282	\$ -	\$ 57,362	7.0%
NPS	\$ 35,589	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 23,040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,073	\$ 3,053	\$ -	\$ 77,755	9.5%
OWF	\$ 3,197	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,577	0.4%
Parent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 174,961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 193	\$ -	\$ 175,154	21.4%
Total Estimated Funding	\$	323,685	\$ 291,673	\$	160,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,212	\$ 6,427	\$ 5,990	\$ 817,987	100%
% Share of Total		39.6%	35.7%		19.6%	1.2%	2.5%	0.8%	0.7%	100%	

Bureau shares shown above are before the Service-level agreements are distributed.

## DOI FY 2016 Allocations after Service Level Agreements & Distribution of Dept.-wide Activities to Sponsoring Bureau

	Preparedness		Suppression	Fire Risk Management			Other Operations			Total	% Share
	Preparedness	Preparedness Risk Based Implementation		Fuels Management	Fuels Risk Based Implementation	[Resilient Landscapes] within Fuels Mgmt	BAR /1	Facilities	JFSP		
BIA	\$ 64,740	\$ -	\$ 26,379	\$ 39,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,817	\$ 565	\$ -	\$ 134,761	16.5%
BLM	\$ 178,849	\$ 3,876	\$ 68,893	\$ 67,149	\$ 5,397	\$ -	\$ 13,198	\$ 2,334	\$ 5,990	\$ 345,686	42.3%
FWS	\$ 27,919	\$ -	\$ 6,440	\$ 20,734	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,656	\$ 282	\$ -	\$ 57,031	7.0%
NPS	\$ 38,456	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 23,362	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,336	\$ 3,053	\$ -	\$ 81,207	9.9%
OWF	\$ 7,028	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,723	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,751	1.3%
Parent	\$ 2,817	\$ -	\$ 174,961	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 205	\$ 193	\$ -	\$ 188,551	23.1%
Total Estimated Funding	\$	323,685	\$ 291,673	\$	160,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,212	\$ 6,427	\$ 5,990	\$ 817,987	100%
% Share of Total		39.6%	35.7%		19.6%	1.2%	2.5%	0.8%	0.7%	100%	

/1 - Includes FY 2015 Unallocated funding \$1.242 million