



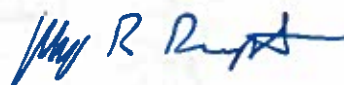
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OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2019-005

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 December 7, 2017, the President signed into law H.J. Res. 143, which extends the expiration date of the FY 2019 Continuing Resolution (CR) from December 7, 2018 to December 21, 2018.

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 and H.J. Res. 143 cover FY 2019 from October 1, 2018 to December 21, 2018. This is a period covering 82 days, which is 22.47 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 This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or modified.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.

In order to respond to ongoing need for Suppression funding, the entire amount of \$36.4 million provided under H.J. Res. 143 will be allocated to Suppression Operations. Additionally, based on OWF review of unobligated balances as of December 6, 2018 and current needs, the full amount will be allocated to BLM. This will enable BLM to reverse allocation adjustments made to maintain sufficient Suppression funding during the first CR period from October 1 through December 7, 2018. See Table 1.

Table 1: Wildland Fire Management FY 2019 CR Allocations

Funding shown in thousands (\$000)

		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	OWF	Parent	Total CR Funding
CR #1(October 1-December 7, 2018)	Preparedness	\$ 12,428	\$ 35,250	\$ 5,277	\$ 7,262	\$ 1513	\$ 247	\$ 61997
	Suppression	\$ 16,402	\$ 42,839	\$ 4,005	\$ 9,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,546
	Suppression - Facilities Allocation	\$ 324	\$ 2,846	\$ 79	\$ 184	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,433
	Fuels Management	\$ 7,773	\$ 16,532	\$ 3,876	\$ 4,488	\$ 763	\$ 845	\$ 34,279
	Burned Area Rehabilitation	\$ 824	\$ 2,459	\$ 195	\$ 336			\$ 3,814
	Joint Fire Science Program	\$ -	\$ 559	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 559
CR #1(October 1-December 7, 2018) Allocation Adjustment	Preparedness		\$ (15,000)					\$ (15,000)
	Suppression		\$ 23,000					\$ 23,000
	Fuels Management		\$ (8,000)					\$ (8,000)
CR #2(December 8, 2018 - December 21, 2018)	Suppression	\$ -	\$ 36,406	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,406
CR #1(October 1-December 7, 2018) Allocation Adjustment	Preparedness		\$ 15,000					\$ 15,000
	Suppression		\$ (23,000)					\$ (23,000)
	Fuels Management		\$ 8,000					\$ 8,000
Total Bureau Allocation		\$ 37,751	\$ 136,891	\$ 13,434	\$ 21,590	\$ 2,276	\$ 1,092	\$ 213,034

Transfer of funds is in progress; OWF will notify BLM of the Treasury transaction number once completed.

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