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## **OWF POLICY MEMORANDUM 2015 – 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  
*acting for* 

From: Jim Douglas, Director – Office of Wildland Fire

Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Resilient Landscapes (RL) Project Selections and Funding Allocations

**Purpose:** This memorandum identifies the Resilient Landscapes projects selected from proposals submitted in the pilot year of this program.

**Scope:** This memo identifies the selected RL projects for FY 2015 and the associated allocation amounts. These projects represent broad geographic areas and several ecosystem types across the continental United States. These projects have a lead agency identified from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), or the National Park Service (NPS). This memorandum supplements previously issued 2015 budget guidance provided in OWF Policy Memorandum 2015-001 and program guidance in OWF Policy Memorandum 2015-004.

**Time Frame:** The project selection decision covers the FY 2015 available funding. These are long-term projects and are identified for continued funding based on the availability of appropriations and successful implementation of stated objectives in this pilot phase.

**Policy:** Twenty nine Resilient Landscape projects were submitted and evaluated against criteria which supported the goals of the program and included in the OWF Policy Memorandum 2015-004. Ten projects were selected for funding in this pilot year. Resubmission of projects for future funding is encouraged for all projects submitted because of adjusted funding levels. The 10 projects identified in the table below are approved to proceed. A separate memo will outline expectations of the lead bureau for reporting accomplishments and performance including cooperating program's accomplishments and funding contributions.

All funds will be transferred to the Wildland Fire Management lead and collaborating bureaus. Transfers will be processed as soon as possible. Bureaus will be notified of the Treasury transaction numbers when available.

The Fuels Management \$10 million in the parent account for the Resilient Landscapes projects will be distributed for the projects shown below. Funding for collaborating agencies is shown with brackets.

<b>Resilient Landscape Projects FY 2015 Funding Level</b>	<b>Lead Agency BIA</b>	<b>Lead Agency BLM</b>	<b>Lead Agency FWS</b>	<b>Lead Agency NPS</b>	<b>Total</b>
Bi-State		\$395,000			\$395,000
Bruneau-Owyhee		\$166,000			\$166,000
Grants Grove Peninsula				\$89,000	\$89,000
Greater Sheldon Hart Mountain	[\$200,000]	[\$1,590,000]	\$2,194,250		\$3,984,250
Longleaf Pine-South Atlantic		[\$30,000]	\$695,000	[\$45,000]	\$770,000
Santa Clara Pueblo	\$400,000				\$400,000
Southern Arizona				\$150,750	\$150,750
Southern Utah (Utah Southern)		\$2,605,000			\$2,605,000
Southwest Colorado		\$526,000	[\$26,000]	[\$5,000]	\$557,000
Valles Caldera				\$883,000	\$883,000

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