

FY 1999 EMERGENCY FIRE RESTORATION FUNDING - \$17,172,000

Following the devastating fire season of 1999, the BLM submitted a request for emergency supplemental restoration funding to replace fences and wildlife guzzlers and plant trees or other vegetative material not permitted under the existing Emergency Fire Rehabilitation (EFR) policy. That supplemental request also addressed emergency wild horse removal and care needs, along with the anticipated costs associated with emergency grasshopper and Mormon cricket control efforts.

The requested emergency supplemental funding has been provided in full through the FY 2001 appropriations process. The funding for wild horses will be retained in the WO and distributed as needed to meet on-going interim care and holding costs for animals being held in Nevada, along with the costs associated with animals moving through the adoption pipeline or sent to long-term care. The National Wild Horse and Burro Program will work with each of the affected States to ensure that costs from the “fire horses” are appropriately covered.

Grasshopper and Mormon cricket funding is discussed below.

Restoration

Please complete tables 2 through 5 to communicate restoration accomplishments on the 1999 fires and remaining needs. All tables should be approached from a State level perspective, rather than by individual project or Field Office.

Table 1 has been provided as reference to assist you in completing Tables 2 and 3. Table 1 lists restoration needs identified by the States last fall as a result of the fires of 1999. Because of the amount of time that has elapsed from request to appropriation, we feel that it would be prudent to confirm the status of those past needs.

In table 2, please identify what restoration work previously identified (see Table 1) has been accomplished and may warrant reimbursement (restoration work that may have been funded with 1020, 1030, or 8100 funds, for example). Please include actual costs incurred by subactivity.

In table 3, please identify restoration work for the 1999 fires (see Table 1) that is awaiting funding. Please update the cost estimates as appropriate. Please note that multiple subactivities may be appropriate for funding shrub and tree planting and cheatgrass and weed control. The desire is to fund those remaining needs in the identified subactivities.

In Table 4, please identify any additional restoration work not submitted as part of the original restoration data call (IB No. 99-209, Fire Restoration Needs). It is specific to 1999 fires and may include vegetation needs, “Oust” treatment or fences, guzzlers, etc.

Please use Table 5 to identify your top 2-5 restoration work projects resulting from the FY 2000 fires in the event there are remaining funds available after all FY 1999 fire restoration needs have been addressed. Projects identified in Table 5 should be “low dollar projects” as the amount of remaining funding may be small. Included in this category are (Oust) treatments, internal control fences, exclosures, or other minor facilities and trees or other plant material that may not have been deemed appropriate under present EFR policies. It is important to note that any items listed in Table 5 must be restoration in nature and not listed or reported in response to IM No. 2001-011, *Implementation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 BLM Budget, Attachment 2, Emergency Fire Rehabilitation Projects*.

Grasshopper & Mormon Cricket Control

At the request of the BLM, on April 21, 2000, the Secretary of the Interior declared a grasshopper and Mormon cricket infestation emergency under Section 102 of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The States of Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Utah each identified a certain quantity of funds in various subactivities that were available for transfer to subactivity 1790 (Grasshopper & Mormon Cricket Control) to meet the anticipated expenditure needs.

Passage of the emergency supplemental appropriations for FY 2001 allows the release of all funds identified for transfer in the original FY 2000 submissions. Please note that all remaining unobligated balances in 1790 were eliminated at year-end closeout for each of the four States listed above. The supplemental funding received will be held in the WO pending funding distribution decisions.

In Table 6, please identify projected FY 2001 grasshopper and Mormon cricket control needs. As you complete the table, please keep in mind that a small portion (less than 20 percent) of 1790 funds can be used for planning necessary to support future treatment efforts.

Table 1. Identifies restoration needs following the wildfires of 1999 (Dollars in Thousands).

Subactivity	Project Type	State	Estimated Cost	Units
1020	Fence Repair/Replacement	AZ	\$25	6 Miles
		CA	\$54	9 Miles
		CO	\$3	1 Mile
		ID	\$257	109 Miles
		MT	\$4	2 Miles
		NV	\$2,388	573 Miles
		UT	\$25	5 Miles
	Subtotal		\$2,756	705 Miles
1020	Cheatgrass & Weed Control	AZ	\$15	???
		ID	\$1,182	29,740 Acres
		MT	\$51	900 Acres
		NV	\$296	8,700 Acres
		OR	\$667	16,285 Acres
		UT	\$789	10,845 Acres
	Subtotal		\$3,000	66,470 Acres
1020	Shrub Planting	CA	\$225	2,000 Acres
		NV	\$1,799	3,240 Acres
		OR	\$30	400 Acres
	Subtotal		\$2,054	5,640 Acres
1030	Tree Planting	CA	\$1,134	1,500 Acres
		NV	\$1,874	3,375 Acres
	Subtotal		\$3,008	4,875 Acres
	Other			
	Wildlife Guzzler Replacement (2)	AZ	\$6	
	Spr. Exclosures (2), Picnic tables/outhouses (1), Corner Rehabilitation (10 miles)	CA	\$52	

	Parking Barriers (10), Trail Head Kiosk (1), Sign Replacement (3)	CO	\$4	
	Guzzlers/Pipeline Troughs (20), Replace Recreational Signs (16), Regional Seed Warehouse - Dock Ramp (1)	ID	\$55	
	Pump house (1), Exclosures (2), Pipeline (3.5 miles), Guzzlers (61)	NV	\$28	
	Reseed Tekoi (? acres)	UT	\$55	
	Subtotal		\$200	
	Total		\$11,018	

Not included in the table is \$4,670,000 for care of wild horses removed under emergency conditions resulting from the 1999 fires, and \$1,485,000 for Mormon cricket/grasshopper infestations.

Table 2. FY 1999 Emergency Restoration Work Completed Warranting Reimbursement (Dollars in Thousands).

State: _____

Identify Subactivities	Project Type	Cost	Units Completed
	Fence Repair/Replacement		
	Cheatgrass & Weed Control		
	Shrub Planting		
	Tree Planting		
	Other (list general categories separately, i.e., guzzler, pipeline, signs, etc.)		

Table 3. Identified FY 1999 Emergency Restoration Work Awaiting Funding (Dollars in Thousands).

State: _____

Subactivity	Project Type	Estimated Cost	Units
1020	Fence Repair/Replacement		
1020	Cheatgrass & Weed Control		
1020	Shrub Planting		
1030	Tree Planting		
Identify Subactivities	Other (list general categories separately, i.e., guzzler, pipeline, signs, etc.)		

Table 4. Additional FY 1999 Emergency Restoration Work Needing Funding (Dollars in Thousands).

State: _____

Identify Subactivities	Project Type (list general categories separately)	Estimated Cost	Units

Table 5. FY 2000 Emergency Restoration Work Needing Funding (Dollars in Thousands).

State: _____

Identify Subactivities	Project Type (list general categories separately)	Estimated Cost	Units

Table 6. FY 2001 Emergency Grasshopper and Mormon Cricket Control Needs (Dollars in Thousands).

State: _____

Grasshopper & Mormon Cricket Control Needs	Estimated Cost	Acres
Treatments		
Planning		