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ISSUE: The National Forests/Community Partnership for Restoration (NF/CPR) has helped establish excellent working relationships between the Eastern Arizona Counties and the Apache-Sitgreaves NF's. The highest priority for forest restoration has been agreed upon by all parties as thinning forests in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).

DISCUSSION:

Accomplishments

Forest Health

The commitment to improving forest health has continued to increase on the A-S:

	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
ACRES Rx Burn	11,500	12,108	12,948	8,775	12,124	None
ACRES Mechanical	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,400	12,642	15,000
\$k	\$978,316	\$2,724,000	\$2,469,000	\$1,020,515	\$4,560,149	\$6,400,000*
				\$781,500 Fire Transfer	\$1,344,929 NFCC	\$4,100,000 Current funding level

*Includes outyear planning and preparation to continue to support 15,000 acres per year under contract. Forest may be short \$2.3 mm to offer 15,000 acres in FY05, depending on contract cost.

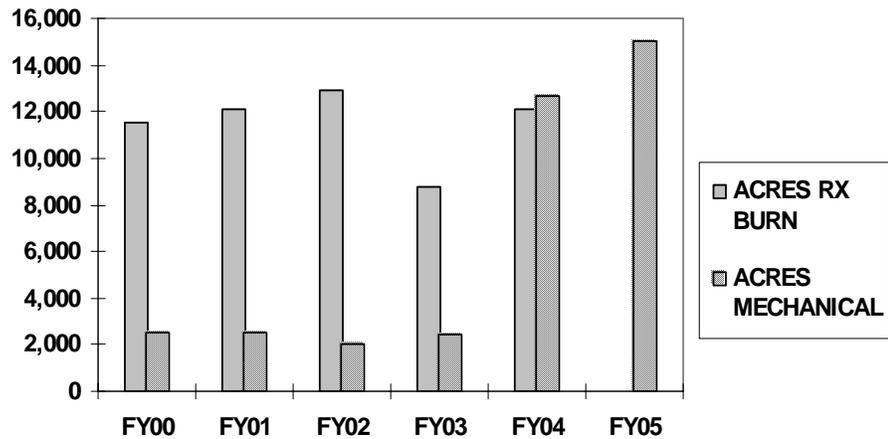
In Arizona, NF/CPR has been involved with the Natural Resources Working Group in Eastern Arizona, which includes community members from diverse backgrounds who meet monthly to discuss and help plan for improvement projects on 17,000 acres near the towns of Pinetop and Lakeside. Several different treatment prescriptions have been applied on the ground and NF/CPR and Northern Arizona University have been involved with the planning and monitoring of results. In FY03, NF/CPR was allocated \$350,000 to thin 1,000 acres near the town of Show Low. The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest has advertised the 10-year White Mountain Stewardship Contract to thin 150,000 acres of wildland-urban interface, with the cooperation of the county governments. The counties have also banded together to complete a community wildfire protection plan that spans the developed areas vulnerable to wildfire across the A-S National Forest.

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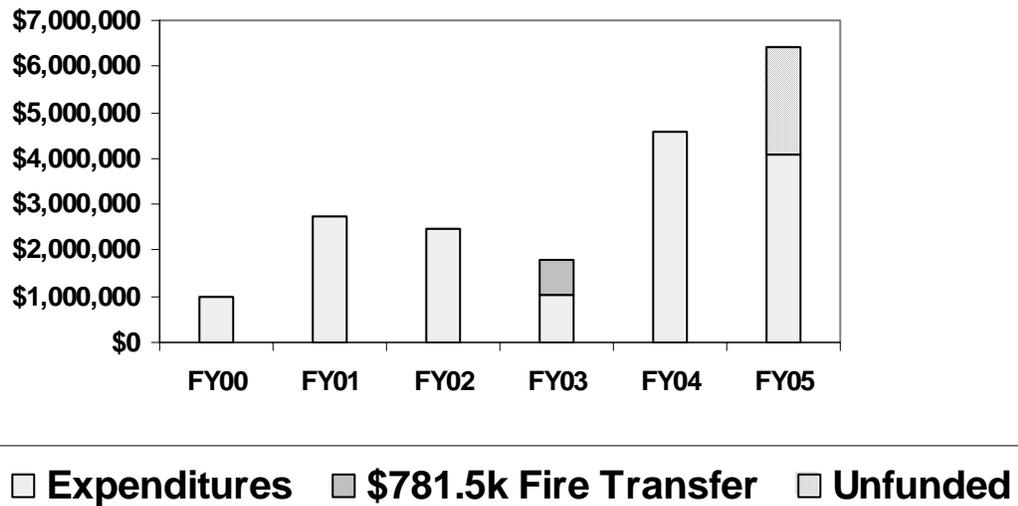
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APACHE-SITGREAVES FY00 - FY04 FUELS TREATMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS & FY05 OUTYEAR PLANNING



ACRES ACCOMPLISHED & PROJECTED

APACHE-SITGREAVES FY00 - FY04 FUELS TREATMENT EXPENDITURES & FY05 PROJECTED EXPENDITURES & UNFUNDED (\$k)



Note: FY03 Funds not received until June



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