

## Department of Agriculture

### Forest Service

#### Spend Plan for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2022

The Department plans to execute these investments adhering to the Administration's implementation priorities to:

- invest public dollars efficiently, working to avoid waste, and focus on measurable outcomes for the American people;
- increase the competitiveness of the United States economy, including through implementing the Act's Made-in-America requirements and bolstering United States manufacturing and supply chains;
- improve job opportunities for millions of Americans by focusing on high labor standards for these jobs, including prevailing wages and the free and fair chance to join a union;
- invest public dollars equitably, including through the Justice40 Initiative, which is a Government-wide effort toward a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy flow to disadvantaged communities;
- build infrastructure that is resilient and that helps combat the crisis of climate change, and where feasible leverage funding to sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- effectively coordinate with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments in implementing these critical investments.

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## Forest and Rangeland Research

### **Overview of IIJA Funding**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-58) provides the Forest Service an additional amount for Forest and Rangeland Research of \$10,000,000. Of this total, \$2 million is appropriated in each year from FY2022 through FY2026. Each year's appropriation has a four-year period of availability. Funds are to carry out activities of the Joint Fire Science Program, as authorized in section 40803 of Division D of the Act.

The biggest challenge to implementation in the short-term is a shortage of contracting, grants, and agreements staff. There are no long-term challenges to note.

FY22 funds will be obligated through an interagency agreement with Bureau of Land Management within 90 days of apportionment. IIJA funding will be awarded to Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) projects following the established annual JFSP timeline for the solicitation, submission, and selection of projects.

The FY2022 Spending Plan for the IIJA Forest and Rangeland Research programs are summarized below.

### **Forest and Rangeland Research – Joint Fire Science Program - \$2 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$2 million will be made available to competitively fund research and development projects to advance fire science and science applications under the Joint Fire Science Program and through an interagency agreement with the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.*

Joint Fire Science Program (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds		\$2		\$2		\$2
Total		\$2		\$2		\$2

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## State and Private Forestry

### **Overview of IIJA Funding**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-58) provides the Forest Service an additional amount for State and Private Forestry of \$1,526,800,000. Of this total, \$305,360,000 is appropriated in each year from FY2022 through FY2026. Each year's appropriation has a four-year period of availability. Funds are to carry out wildfire risk reduction and ecosystem restoration activities for the Department of Agriculture as authorized in section 40803 and 40804 of division D of the Act, for grants to at-risk communities for wildfire mitigation activities, State Fire Assistance, and Volunteer Fire Assistance.

The biggest challenges to implementation in the short-term are shortages of Grants and Agreements staff. Another challenge to implementation is the ability to increase and expand partnerships through the many authorities provided to the Agency. Match requirements create a huge challenge for many partners, inhibiting their ability to participate in the opportunities that IIJA provides. Working in a shared leadership stance with partners is critical to the Agency's ability to accomplish the expectations of the act as well as the desired need to expand the shared stewardship of our public lands.

#### FY 2022 Projected Accomplishments:

- Increase in at-risk community resilience
- Increase in ability for States to implement priorities in their State Forest Action Plans.
- Increase in capacity for communities and Tribes to prepare for and respond to wildland fire
- Increase in capacity for States to meet revegetation goals following wildland fires
- Increase in number of communities with up-to-date Community Wildfire Protection Plans
- Increase in opportunities for small businesses and private landowners to harvest timber
- Increase in the operational capacity in support of the Agency's mission through human resource management, procurement and contracting, grants and agreements, budget formulation and execution, and critical investments in technology

For IIJA line-item funds that will be competed, in whole or in part, announcements will be posed to grants.gov and follow the USDA protocol.

The FY2022 Spending Plan for the IIJA Wildland Fire Management programs are summarized below.

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**State and Private Forestry – Unallocated – \$83.76 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$83.76 million will be made available primarily for making grants to States, Tribes and communities to carry out the purposes of Sections 40803 and 40804 of the Act and to help States carry out the priorities in their State Forest Action Plans.*

State and Private Forestry - Unallocated (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds			\$52.59	\$52.59	\$10.83	\$63.42
S&E		\$0.40	\$1.2	\$1.6	\$0.9	\$ 2.5
Research Transfer				\$4.0		\$ 4.02
OIG Transfer				\$0.419		\$0.419
FS Ops Transfer				\$13.4		\$13.4
<b>Total</b>		\$0.40	\$53.79	\$72.03	\$11.73	\$83.76

*Salary, Expense, and Administration limited to 3% of appropriated funding.*

*FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

*Decisions still need to be made on which activities funded in this appropriation would be best managed by Forest and Rangeland Research.*

The authorized activities receiving IIJA funding within the program:

- Provide financial assistance to fuelwood banks
- Establish a new rental program for States and Tribes for portable skidder bridges, bridgemats, or other temporary water crossing structures and to minimize stream bed disturbance.
- Invasive species detection, prevention, and eradication on Federal and non-Federal lands.
- Implement the National Seed Strategy for Rehabilitation and Restoration
- Carrying out priorities in each States' Forest Action Plan

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**State and Private Forestry – Community Wildfire Defense Grants - \$200 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$200 million will be made available for Community Wildfire Defense Grants authorized until Section 40803(c)(12) of Division D of the Act, for at-risk communities to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) and for carrying out fuels treatment projects established in CWPPs.*

Community Wildfire Defense Grants (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry-Over	Total
Program Funds			\$161.03	\$161.03		\$161.03
S&E		\$1.24	\$3.73	\$4.97	\$1	\$5.97
OIG Transfer				\$1		\$1
FS Ops Transfer				\$32		\$32
<b>Total</b>		\$1.24	\$164.76	\$199	\$1	\$200.00

*Salary, Expense, and Administration limited to 3% of appropriated funding.*

*FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

*Decisions still need to be made on which activities funded in this appropriation would be best managed by Forest and Rangeland Research.*

The authorized activities receiving IIJA funding within the program:

- Award community wildfire defense grants to at-risk communities to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs)
- Carrying out fuels treatment projects in CWPPs.

**State and Private Forestry – State Fire Assistance – \$17.6 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$17.6 million will be made available for State Fire Assistance*

State Fire Assistance (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry-Over	Total
Program Funds			\$14.17	\$14.17		\$14.17
S&E			\$0.525	\$0.525		\$0.525
OIG Transfer				\$0.088		\$0.088
FS Ops Transfer				\$2.816		\$2.816
<b>Total</b>			\$14.695	\$17.599		\$17.6

*Salary, Expense, and Administration limited to 3% of appropriated funding.*

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**State and Private Forestry – Volunteer Fire Assistance – \$4 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$4 million will be made available for Volunteer Fire Assistance.*

Volunteer Fire Assistance (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds			\$3.22	\$3.22		\$3.22
S&E	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.12		\$0.12
OIG Transfer				\$0.02		\$0.02
FS Ops Transfer				\$0.64		\$0.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>	<b>\$3.26</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>		<b>\$4.00</b>

*Salary, Expense, and Administration limited to 3% of appropriated funding.*

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## National Forest System

### **Overview of IIJA Funding**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-58) provides the Forest Service an additional amount for National Forest System of \$2,854,000,000. Of this total, \$734,800,000 is appropriated in FY2022 and \$ 529,800,000 is appropriated in each year FY2023 to FY2026. These funds remain available until expended. Funds are to carry out wildfire risk reduction and ecosystem restoration activities for the Department of Agriculture as authorized in section 40803 and 40804 of division D of the Act, hazardous fuels reduction, and burned area recovery.

The biggest challenges to implementation in the short-term are shortages of acquisition and procurement staff, Grants and Agreements staff, and national forest system program staff responsible for the implementation of the activities outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Another challenge to implementation is the ability to increase and expand partnerships through the many authorities provided to the Agency. Match requirements create a huge challenge for many partners, inhibiting their ability to participate in the opportunities that IIJA provides. Working in a shared leadership stance with partners is critical to the Agency's ability to accomplish the expectations of the act as well as the desired need to expand the shared stewardship of our public lands.

### FY2022 Projected Spend Plan Accomplishments

- Increase in pace and scale for ecosystem restoration producing desired outcomes such as community protection, forest and grassland restoration, watershed restoration, mine remediation, and wildlife habitat improvement on National Forest system lands. Funding will provide the capacity for planning, collaboration, project design and implementation
- Increase in community resilience through hazardous fuels projects and related activities such as the development and improvement of control locations (fuel breaks)
- Increase in contracts and agreements with partners, states, and tribes to perform ecosystem restoration activities on National Forest system lands providing jobs to local communities
- Increase in capacity to provide recreation experiences that match visitation demands.
- Increase in capacity to operate, repair, reconstruct, and construct recreation cabins and repair or reconstruct historic buildings
- Creation of incentives to increase the use of biomass
- Begin process of identifying and permanently plugging and remediating orphaned oil and gas wells through the transfer of funds from the Department of Interior as outlined in the act
- Establishment of a civilian climate corps creating jobs for young people and increasing the Agency's capacity to conserve and restore public lands and waters, bolster community resilience, increase reforestation, increase carbon sequestration, protect biodiversity, improve recreation, and other activities to address climate change
- Increase in the operational capacity in support of the Agency's mission to include human resource management, procurement and contracting, grants and agreements, budget formulation and execution, and critical investments in technology

Funds will primarily be distributed via contract awards or through agreements with States, Tribes, and partners. Contract opportunities or procurement notices are announced through the Contract Opportunities website at [SAM.gov | Contract Opportunities](https://www.sam.gov). Agreements utilizing authorities such as Good Neighbor Authority, Tribal Forest Projection Act, Stewardship Authority, etc. do not require funding announcements.

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The FY2022 Spending Plan for the IIJA National Forest System programs are summarized below.

**National Forest System – Ecosystem Restoration Management – \$587 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$587 million will be made available for Natural Resource related Infrastructure and Ecosystem Restoration Management Activities as authorized in section 40803 and 40804 of division D of the Act.*

Ecosystem Restoration Management (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds	\$7.0	\$97.4	\$155.0	\$259.4	\$6.71	\$266.12
NF S&E	\$4.8	\$63.98	\$69.43	\$138.2		\$138.19
WF S&E	\$1.0	\$14.0	\$15.9	\$30.9		\$30.87
Research Transfer				\$55.0		\$54.98
FS Ops Transfer				\$93.92		\$93.92
OIG Transfer				\$2.93		\$2.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12.8</b>	<b>\$175.39</b>	<b>\$240.30</b>	<b>\$580.30</b>	<b>\$6.71</b>	<b>\$587.0</b>

*WF S&E will be transferred to the Wildland Fire Management appropriation to reflect operations under the new budget structure. FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified. Decisions still need to be made on which activities funded in this appropriation would be best managed by Forest and Rangeland Research.*

The authorized activities receiving IIJA funding within the program:

- Collaboration-based activities including facilitation, certification of collaboratives, and implementing projects under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration program
- Thinning to include mechanical thinning, timber harvesting, and precommercial thinning
- Planning and conducting prescribed fires and related activities
- Developing or improving potential control locations, to include installing fuel breaks
- Contracting or employing labor crews to modify and remove flammable vegetation
- Restoring ecological health on Federal lands through the use of contracts, including Stewardship contracts or agreements, and through Good Neighbor Agreements with States and Tribes
- Providing financial assistance to facilities that purchase and process byproducts from ecosystem restoration projects
- Restoring or adapting recreation sites on Federal land, including Indian forest land or rangeland, that are experiencing increased visitation beyond carrying capacity
- Operating, repairing, reconstructing, and constructing of public use recreation cabins on National Forest System land
- Repairing or reconstructing historic buildings
- Restoring native vegetation and environmental hazard mitigation on federal and non-federal mined lands
- Establishing and implementing a national revegetation effort on Federal and non-federal land
- Establishing a collaborative-based, landscape-scale restoration program to restore water quality or fish passage on Federal land in coordination with DOI

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**National Forest Systems - Hazardous Fuels Management – \$102.8 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$102.8 million will be made available for Hazardous Fuels Management Activities.*

Hazardous Fuels Management (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds	\$2.0	\$15.42	\$37.42	\$54.84	\$15.00	\$69.84
WF S&E	\$1.0	\$7.0	\$8.0	\$16.0		\$16.0
FS Ops Transfer				\$16.448		\$16.448
OIG Transfer				\$0.514		\$0.514
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3.0</b>	<b>\$22.42</b>	<b>\$45.42</b>	<b>\$87.80</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$102.8</b>

*WF S&E will be transferred to the Wildland Fire Management appropriation to reflect operations under the new budget structure.*

*FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

*We continue to work with Congress to realign all Hazardous fuels under Wildland Fire Management.*

The authorized activities receiving IJJA funding within the program:

- Planning and conducting hazardous fuels projects and related activities
- Creating incentives for increased use of biomass to include the Community Wood Energy Program and the Wood Innovation Grants program
- Hazardous fuels funding for Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA) projects

**National Forest System – Burned Area Recovery – \$45 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$45 million will be made available for Burned Area Recovery.*

Burned Area Recovery (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds		\$13.575	\$12.7	\$26.315		\$26.315
NF S&E		\$5.5	\$5.8	\$11.3		\$11.26
FS Ops Transfer				\$7.2		\$7.2
OIG Transfer				\$0.225		\$0.225
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$19.075</b>	<b>\$18.5</b>	<b>\$45</b>		<b>\$45.00</b>

*Agency will seek to use authorities provided in the Act to transfer the Burned Area Recovery funds to the Wildland Fire Management appropriation to match how the Department of the Interior is managing their funds. FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

*Additional fire related funding, Burned Area Rehabilitation (\$20M), is appropriated under Wildland Fire Management.*

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## Capital Improvement and Maintenance

### **Overview of IIJA Funding**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-58) provides the Forest Service an additional amount for Capital Improvement and Maintenance of \$360,000,000. Of this total, \$72 million is appropriated in each year from FY2022 through FY2026. Each year's appropriation has a four-year period of availability. Funds are to carry out activities of the Legacy Road and Trails Remediation Program, for the construction of temporary roads or reconstruction and maintenance of roads to facilitate projects that reduce wildfire risk, and for the removal of non-hydro-power federal dams.

The biggest challenge to implementation in the short-term is a shortage of contracting, and engineering staff responsible for the implementation of the activities outlined in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Another challenge to implementation is the ability to increase and expand partnerships through the many authorities provided to the Agency. Match requirements create a huge challenge for many partners, inhibiting their ability to participate in the opportunities that IIJA provides. Working in a shared leadership stance with partners is critical to the Agency's ability to accomplish the expectations of the act as well as the desired need to expand the shared stewardship of our public lands.

Funds will primarily be distributed via contract awards. Contract opportunities or procurement notices are announced through the Contract Opportunities website at [SAM.gov | Contract Opportunities](https://sam.gov).

### FY2022 Projected Agency Accomplishments

- Increase in ability to restore fish passages, road decommissioning, preparing roads for long-term storage, relocating roads, and converting roads to trails on National Forest System lands.
- Increase in ability to construct temporary roads and to reconstruct and maintain roads to facilitate forest restoration and management projects in support of the wildfire risk reduction.
- Increase in operational capacity in support of the Agency's mission to include human resource management, procurement and contracting, grants and agreements, budget formulation and execution and critical investments in technology.

The FY2022 Spending Plan for the IIJA Capital Improvement and Maintenance programs are summarized below.

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**Capital Improvement & Maintenance – Legacy Roads and Trails – \$50 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$50 million will be made available to carry out activities of the Legacy Road and Trail Remediation Program as amended by section 40801 of division D of the Act.*

Legacy Roads and Trails (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds		\$10.0	\$15.85	\$25.85	\$1.50	\$27.35
NFS S&E		\$7.2	\$7.2	\$14.4		\$14.4
FS Ops Transfer				\$8.0		\$8.0
OIG Transfer				\$0.25		\$0.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$17.2</b>	<b>\$23.05</b>	<b>\$48.5</b>	<b>\$1.5</b>	<b>\$50.0</b>

*S&E will be transferred to the National Forest System appropriation to reflect operations under new budget structure.*

*FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

**Capital Improvement & Maintenance – Roads – \$20 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$20 million will be made available for the construction of temporary roads or reconstruction and maintenance of roads to facilitate forest restoration and management projects that reduce wildfire risk.*

Roads (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds		\$4.0	\$6.4	\$10.4	\$0.50	\$10.9
NFS S&E		\$2.9	\$2.9	\$5.8		\$5.8
FS Ops Transfer				\$3.2		\$3.2
OIG Transfer				\$0.1		\$0.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$6.9</b>	<b>\$9.3</b>	<b>\$19.5</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>\$20.0</b>

*S&E will be transferred to the National Forest System appropriation to reflect operations under new budget structure. FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

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**Capital Improvement & Maintenance – Dams – \$2 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$2 million will be made available for the removal of non-hydropower Federal dams and dam removal technical assistance*

Dams (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry- Over	Total
Program Funds		\$0.40	\$0.635	\$1.035	\$0.055	\$1.09
NFS S&E		\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.58		\$0.58
FS Ops Transfer				\$0.32		\$0.32
OIG Transfer				\$0.01		\$0.01
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.69</b>	<b>\$0.93</b>	<b>\$1.945</b>	<b>\$0.055</b>	<b>\$2</b>

*S&E will be transferred to the National Forest System appropriation to reflect operations under new budget structure. FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

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## Wildland Fire Management

### **Overview of IIJA Funding**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-58) provides the Forest Service an additional amount for Wildland Fire Management of \$696,200,000. Of this total, \$552,200,000 is appropriated in FY2022 and \$36,000,000 is appropriated in FY2023 through FY2026. These funds remain available until expended. Funds are to carry out wildfire risk reduction activities for the Department of Agriculture as authorized in section 40803 of division D of the Act. The Department of the Interior (DOI) received complementary appropriations for wildland fire management, and the two agencies are collaborating on and coordinating implementation.

The FY2022 Spend Plan for the IIJA Wildland Fire Management programs are summarized below. Note that the Spend Plan follows IIJA’s Division J (appropriations).

### **Wildland Fire Management - Salaries and Expense - \$480 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$480 million will be made available to implement Section 40803(d) of Division D, including conversion of seasonal Wildland Firefighters to full-time, permanent, year-round Federal employees and increasing the base salaries of Federal wildland firefighters located within a specified geographic area in which it is difficult to recruit or retain Federal wildland firefighters.*

Salaries and Expense (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 – Q2	FY22 – Q3	FY22 – Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY carry-over	Total
WF S&E	\$0	\$55.0	\$55.0	\$110.0	\$357.6	\$467.6
FS Ops Transfer				\$10.0		\$10.0
OIG Transfer				\$2.4		\$2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$55.0</b>	<b>\$55.0</b>	<b>\$122.4</b>	<b>\$357.6</b>	<b>\$480.0</b>

There are two short-term challenges to implementation: (1) ensuring consistency with the Department of Interior, and (2) coordinating with the Office of Personnel Management to determine eligibility for the pay increase. There are also two long-term challenges to implementation: (1) reconciling the increased base pay policy with a potential new pay scale associated with the new distinct Wildland Firefighter occupational series, and (2) creating a workforce management plan that ensures a sustainable and effective workforce of wildland firefighters. The agency will also continue to expand existing capabilities to address and mitigate the significant mental health challenges and line-of-duty environmental hazards faced by our wildland firefighter workforce.

### FY2022 Projected Spend Plan Accomplishments

- Continuation of initiative started in FY21 to ensure equitable pay for firefighters
- Coordination with DOI and OPM to create the new distinct occupational series and pay scale for firefighters that recognizes their specialized training and hazardous work they perform
- Improvement in wildland firefighter workforce morale and retention through compensation and workforce management reform, including investment in mental and physical health programs
- Increase in ability to recruit and retain wildland firefighters in geographic in certain geographic areas determined jointly with OPM

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**Wildland Fire Management – Wildfire Risk Reduction - \$72.2 million in FY22**

*Summary: \$72.2 million will be made available to implement the wildfire risk reduction activities authorized in 40803(c) of Division D.*

Wildfire Risk Reduction (dollars in millions)						
	FY22 - Q2	FY22 - Q3	FY22 - Q4	Total Planned Obligations/ Transfers	Estimated EOY Carry-Over	Total
Wildfire Risk Management			\$44.2	\$44.2	\$8.090	\$52.290
WF S&E		\$ 0.5	\$0.5	\$1.0		\$1.0
Research Transfer				\$7.0		\$7.0
FS Ops Transfer				\$11.552		\$11.552
OIG Transfer				\$0.361		\$0.361
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 0.5</b>	<b>\$44.7</b>	<b>\$64.113</b>	<b>\$8.090</b>	<b>\$72.2</b>

*FS Ops Transfer is for general program support. Transfer for direct project Infrastructure Technology support still needs to be identified.*

*Additional fire related funding, Hazardous Fuels (\$102.8M) and Burned Area Rehabilitation (\$45M), are appropriated under the National Forest System. We continue to work with Congress to realign all Hazardous fuels under WFM.*

The authorized activities receiving IIJA funding within the program:

- Procurement and placement of wildfire detection and monitoring equipment
- Establish and operate a Reverse 911 telecommunication system
- Fire response workshops
- At risk community map
- Southwest Ecological Restoration Institute agreement
- NOAA agreement for use of Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite Program to rapidly detect and report wildfire starts.
- Post-fire restoration activities.

The biggest challenge to implementation in the short-term is a shortage of contracting, grants, and agreements staff. The challenge in the long-term is creating and sustaining Information Technology systems that can fully support these new capabilities into our operational decision-making process.

FY2022 Projected Spend Plan Accomplishments

- Improve the effectiveness of wildland fire suppression response by increasing the use technology
- Increase in the ability to pre-plan with suppression response partners before a fire comes and increase the effective and efficient use of firefighting resources as a result

**Timeline for Implementation – FY 2022 and Later Years**

Currently, the Forest Service is beginning implementation planning for all aspects of the law through coordination with our partners, including DOI and OPM, as noted above. Key efforts to date have included establishing interagency wildland firefighter workforce working groups and contracting for a workforce assessment (see below for more information).

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The law establishes several deadlines that will serve as milestones for implementation, including the following:

- Beginning October 1, 2021 (no deadline for completion set in the law): Forest Service and DOI will:
  - Seek to convert not fewer than 1,000 seasonal wildland firefighting positions to permanent year-round positions that are full-time and reduce hazardous fuels on Federal land not fewer than 800 hours per year (each position); and
  - Increase the salary of wildland firefighters by an amount equal to the lesser of \$20,000 or 50 percent of base salary if the DOI and USDA Secretaries and the OPM Director determine that a position is in a geographic area where it is difficult to recruit or retain Federal wildland firefighters.
- Mid-December 2021: USDA, DOI, and DHS (through the FEMA Administrator) jointly established a Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission to (1) study and make recommendations on preventing, mitigating, suppressing, and managing wildland fires, and (2) rehabilitate land devastated by wildfires. Commission members are to be appointed by January 15, 2022 (60 days post-enactment), and the Commission will issue a report within one year of the first Commission meeting.
- March 14, 2022 (120 days post-enactment): Forest Service and DOI will establish a five-year monitoring, maintenance, and treatment plan.
- May 13, 2022 (180 days post-enactment): Forest Service and DOI will develop a distinct wildland firefighter job series, in coordination with OPM.
- Annually December 31, 2022-2026: Forest Service and DOI will submit a report to Congress on the number of acres of land on which projects carried out using the BIL's treatment funds improved the Fire Regime Condition Class of the land.
- October 1, 2022: Forest Service and DOI will develop and adhere to recommendations for mitigation strategies for wildland firefighters to minimize exposure to line-of-duty environmental hazards; and to recognize and address mental health needs, including post-traumatic stress disorder care.
- November 15, 2026: Forest Service and DOI will publish a long-term, outcome-based monitoring, maintenance, and treatment strategy.