

Council of Western State Foresters
Seattle, Washington
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CWSF Resolution No. 2000-2

Use and Allocation of Potential Increases to the State Fire Assistance Budget

WHEREAS, NASF recommendations for the FY2001 budget include substantial increases in State Fire Assistance (SFA); and,

WHEREAS, recent US Forest Service reviews/reports have established that building overall capacity in the national wildland fire suppression infrastructure is a significant issue; and ,

WHEREAS, the rising costs of wildland fire management continues to be a major issue, and;

WHEREAS, the Western States share these concerns and feel the potential SFA budget increases should factor in building an overall response capacity,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council of Western State Foresters recommends to the NASF Fire Committee that any increase in State Fire Assistance be distributed annually as follows: 1. The base level of funding be adjusted for inflation, 2. An amount be allocated through competitive grants to fund high risk and high need projects (to include WUI), and 3. With any remaining balance to be distributed to each state based on the state allocation formula.

Passed by unanimous vote of the CWSF members present:

Toby Martinez
CWSF Chairman
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