

Apache-Sitgreaves NF's Fire/Aviation & Safety



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Pre-suppression Briefing

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- FY 2001 the forest is funded at 100% of MEL; with the additional funding we filled the following positions. These positions are a mix of PFT permanent and seasonal temporary positions.

Thirty positions were hired that included 22 new hire engine positions, two reassignments to engine positions, one dispatcher and one dozer operator.

Heber Hotshots also successfully picked up four permanent seasonal employees. This brought the crew to a total of six permanent appointments. The crew is currently two positions short of the required number in the OPS guide. The plan is to keep these positions vacant until next season, filling in with a temporary.

In round one temporary hiring the forest anticipated hiring thirty temporaries and we were successful in hiring twenty.

In round two temporary hiring the forest anticipated hiring seventy temporary positions, with a success rate of approximately fifty.

Currently with the positions that have been filled we are at 97% of MEL. All of our dozer positions are staffed; our shortfalls are in the engine arena, but we feel this can be handled with other hiring options, including rehires, student hires and thirty-day emergency hires.

We have also added an Arizona State Land Department funded dispatcher as well as a B.I.A. funded dispatcher to assist with the Interagency Zone dispatching duties.

Fiscal Year 2001 Fuels Program Status Summary

1. Of the 11,017 acres of scheduled Prescribed Burns planned across the forest, approximately 5,400 acres have been completed. The total burning accomplishment will be dependent on the next five weeks of weather patterns and wildland fire activity.
2. Alternative strategies to replace the remainder of the burning target of 5,600 acres have been asked for from the districts.
3. Of the 3270 acres of proposed mechanical treatment, 2,950 acres have been accomplished. The additional 320 acres are pending contract award.
4. Of the 9 planning projects funded this fiscal year, 7 are anticipated to be completed.
5. We have developed an Eastern Arizona Smoke Coordinating group to coordinate and minimize smoke impacts of our fuels reduction program in Eastern Arizona.
6. The Forest has an additional 8,000 acres of TES and ARCH survey clearances under contract.

National Fire Plan

Vehicle Number	Description	Unit
4510 Vehicle Addition	4x4 PU (Fuels)	01
4511 Vehicle Addition	4x4 PU (Fuels)	03
4512 Vehicle Addition	4x4 mod 20 (Fire)	02
4513 Vehicle Addition	300 gal slip on (Fire)	02
4514 Vehicle Addition	4x4 PU (Fuels)	02
4515 Vehicle Addition	4x2 PU (Fire)	07
4516 Vehicle Addition	4x4 Crew PU (Fire, Fuels)	07
4209 Vehicle Addition	4x4 PU (Fire, Fuel FMO)	SO
6640	Dozer (Holdover from Coconino Forest)(Fire, Fuel)	06
Rental	Dozer D-6 (Fire, Fuel)	02
Rental	Tractor, Truck (Fire, Fuel)	02
Rental	Tractor, Truck (Fire, Fuel)	06
Purchase	Tilt Top Trailer (Fire, Fuel)	02
Purchase	Tilt Top Trailer (Fire, Fuel)	06
Purchase	Tilt Top Trailer (Fire, Fuel)	07
Purchase	Portable Chipper (Fuels)	SO
3149 (Gila Holdover)	4x4 PU (Fire, Fuels)	02
7958 (Gila Holdover)	4x2 PU (Fire, Fuels)	01
7770 (Gila Holdover)	4x4 PU (Fire, Fuels)	01
7684	4x4 PU (Fire, Fuels)	06
3160 (Gila Holdover)	4x2 PU (Fire, Fuels)	06
7698 (Gila Holdover)	4x4 PU (Fire, Fuels)	02