

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24172

This \$379,000 supplemental appropriation to the Department of Lands focuses on retaining, extending, and increasing line staffing levels that have the greatest potential to improve initial fire attack response. It includes three months funding split 50% from the General Fund and 50% from dedicated fire preparedness moneys. There is \$540,800 for the remaining nine months in the FY 2017 budget request for a total cost of \$1,122,400 for 15 months. It includes funding for a full-time assistant fire warden at Kootenai Valley (Bonners Ferry), a part-time helitack manager to manage the Craigmont-Kamiah area, a part-time Grangeville Interagency Fire Center assistant manager, a part-time administrative assistant to be located in Coeur d'Alene, an increase in the payscale for the seasonal workforce, the extension of 12 five-month seasonal employees to eight months, additional operating expenditures for travel costs, and \$30,000 for training of seasonal employees and contractors. Furthermore, it includes one-time funding in the amount of \$150,000 for a review of the fire program, \$24,000 for a vehicle, and \$2,400 for two computers. The National Interagency Coordination Center is predicting 2016 fire conditions similar to 2015.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2016 Original Appropriation	283.12	5,473,100	38,792,200	6,376,500	50,641,800
1. Fire Preparedness	3.33	189,500	189,500	0	379,000
FY 2016 Total Appropriation	286.45	5,662,600	38,981,700	6,376,500	51,020,800
Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp	3.33	189,500	189,500	0	379,000
% Chg from FY 2016 Orig Approp.	1.2%	3.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.7%

Of the \$379,000 total, \$202,600 is ongoing and \$176,400 is one-time.

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