

REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY FY 2002 SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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HIS REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY FY 2002 SUPPLEMENTAL APPRO-
PRIATIONS FOR THE FOREST SERVICE WITHIN THE DEPART-
MENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGE-
MENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, August 28, 2002.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I ask the Congress to expeditiously consider the enclosed requests for emergency FY 2002 supplemental appropriations for the Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Department of the Interior.

These supplemental requests would provide both the Forest Service and the BLM with the necessary resources for wildland fire suppression and emergency rehabilitation activities.

I hereby designate these amounts totaling \$825 million as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of these actions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with her comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 22, 107th Cong., 2d Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, August 27, 2002.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests for emergency FY 2002 supplemental appropriations for the Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Department of the Interior.

This emergency funding is needed due to the extraordinary and unanticipated expense directly related to responding to fires on Federal public lands this year. The 2002 fire season has been one of the worst in modern history. Specifically, these supplemental requests would provide the Forest Service with an additional \$636 million and BLM with an additional \$189 million for wildland fire suppression and emergency rehabilitation activities. The proposals also contain language that would allow the Forest Service and BLM to reimburse accounts from which funds have been transferred this year for use in firefighting.

I recommend that you designate these amounts as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior in recommending that you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

NANCY P. DORN.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount to cover necessary expenses for wildfire suppression and emergency rehabilitation activities of the Forest Service, \$636,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That such funds shall also be available to reimburse accounts from which funds were transferred for such purposes in fiscal year 2002: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This proposal would provide an emergency supplemental appropriation for the Forest Service for wildland fire suppression and emergency rehabilitation of burned areas. This proposal would also provide the Forest Service with the authority to reimburse accounts from which funds have been transferred this year for use in firefighting.

The entire amount has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For an additional amount to cover necessary expenses for wildfire suppression and emergency rehabilitation activities of the Bureau of Land Management, \$189,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That such funds shall also be available to reimburse accounts from which funds were transferred for such purposes in fiscal year 2002: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

This proposal would provide an emergency supplemental appropriation for the Bureau of Land Management for wildland fire suppression and emergency rehabilitation of burned areas. This proposal would also provide BLM with the authority to reimburse accounts from which funds have been transferred this year for use in firefighting.

The entire amount has been designated by the President as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

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