

DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR
URGENT WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A DESIGNATION, AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT ALL FUNDING SO DESIGNATED BY THE CONGRESS PURSUANT TO SEC. 251(b)(2)(A) OF THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT "DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—FOREST SERVICE—WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT", IN ACCORDANCE WITH SEC. 135 OF THE CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016



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To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 135 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, also titled the TSA Office of Inspection Accountability Act of 2015 (the “Act”), I hereby designate as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for the following account: “Department of Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildland Fire Management.”

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *September 30, 2015.*



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

September 30, 2015

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Shawn Donovan
Director

SUBJECT:

Designation of Funding as an Emergency Requirement

Section 135 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (the "Act"), provides that the availability of funding that is designated by the Congress in the Act as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended (BBEDCA), is contingent upon the President subsequently so designating all such amounts and transmitting such designations to the Congress. The Act provides \$700 million in emergency funding for urgent wildland fire suppression activities.

I recommend that you designate as an emergency requirement all funding so designated by the Congress in the Act pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA, as amended, for the following account: "Department of Agriculture—Forest Service—Wildland Fire Management." Upon transmittal of this designation to the Congress, these funds will be immediately available for obligation and expenditure. No further congressional action will be required.

The designation of these funds as emergency requirements allows for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits in fiscal year (FY) 2016, as specified in section 251(b)(2)(A) of BBEDCA. These adjustments will be reflected when the Office of Management and Budget submits its final sequestration report for FY 2016 under section 254(f) of BBEDCA.

I have reviewed this proposed action and am satisfied it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letters to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

Enclosures