Guidance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Wildland Fire Management Budget

Preparedness

- Fund Status Reports (FSRs) will be monitored. Carryover balances will be evaluated as supplemental funding requests are received.
- After year-end close, any outstanding labor and/or credit card adjustment/corrections for the previous FY are to be done by no later than December 14, 2022.
- The National Fire Leadership Team (NFLT) will provide input and advise of approved projects to be funded from carry over funds.
- Carry Over funds will be redistributed on an as needed basis by BWFM.
  - Regions may submit formal requests for specific projects.

Fuels

Fuels Budget Milestones and Guidance

- Annual Program and Project work will be completed by September 30, of the current fiscal year.
- Obligation to Cooperative Agreement for current fiscal year:
  - Regions and Agencies must ensure fund obligations.
  - All Fuels funds (Programmatic and Project) are obligated by September 30, of the current fiscal year.
- Fuels funded programs will submit or complete the following by May 2, of the current fiscal year.
  - Hiring for approved vacant positions.
  - 4 Year Program of Work.
- RTRL proposals excepted throughout the FY.
- Due to the high demand of RTRL funds, and in order to provide greater opportunity, projects are limited to a ceiling of $4 million with a time duration of five (5) years for completion.

Year End Close

- After year-end close, any outstanding labor and/or credit card adjustment/corrections for the previous FY are to be completed no later than October 31, 2022.
- Carryover will be determined from unobligated balances October 01, 2022.
- Regions may reallocate unobligated/uncommitted funds, within the region only.
- Carry Over funds may be redistributed by the BWFM on a request, as needed, basis pursuant to established policy and procedures.
- Fuels Business Rules and Guidance previously established, remain valid for program operations.

Post-Wildfire Recovery Program Funds

Emergency Stabilization (ES)

- Use the Request to Initiate ES Funding form to establish the ES project account and conduct an assessment prior to approval of an ES plan.
• Upon approval of an ES plan (IAM Part 90 Chapter 3) and entry into NFORS, ES funding is immediately available up to the approved amount utilizing the ES project (fire) code.
• ES funding is available for no more than one year plus 21 days after ignition date of a wildfire as per 620 DM Chapter 7.
• After one year, unobligated ES balances are subject to reallocation to/by BWFM (AAK4).

Burned Area Rehabilitation (BAR)

• BAR funding requests for the following fiscal year will be entered into NFORS by November 15, of the current fiscal year. Funding will be distributed after that date by BWFM from available BAR funding appropriations pursuant to established priorities.
• BAR project funding is allocated by fiscal year as identified in the BAR plan and NFORS for no more than five (5) years and 21 days following the ignition date of a wildfire as per 620 DM Chapter 7.
• Upon the end of the five year and 21 day project period, unobligated BAR balances are subject to reallocation to/by BWFM (AAK4).
• By October 15, of each fiscal year, report on annual accomplishments completed with BAR funding, consistent with DOI Wildland Fire Program PM No. 2020-009