

FY2020 Appropriations Notes

Rural Voice for Conservation Coalition

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USFS - President's Budget FY2020 USDA Budget Justification

(see page 58 of USDA budget justification)

- Overall reduction of 15% in USDA
- Slight increase in Hazardous Fuels: \$450m, up \$20m from FY19
- Massive decrease in State & Private Forestry: \$182m, down \$154m (46%) from FY19
- Wildland Fire Preparedness is slightly up: \$1,340m, up \$16m from FY19
- Land acquisition account is zeroed out (previously \$65m in FY19)
- Includes a wildland and disaster funding adjustment of \$1,950m
- "The Forest Service will use existing authorities to strengthen State partnerships and leverage active management tools to improve forest conditions, while also focusing on reforming internal processes to streamline program delivery and improve customer service."
- "This funding [S&PF] will support the agency's Shared Stewardship initiative, which aims to bring States and other stakeholders together to prioritize cross-boundary investments in management and monitoring to improve forest conditions and reduce wildfire risk."

Targets:

- Timber volume target to remain at 3.7 bbf, up from 3.2 bbf actual harvest in 2018
- Fuels reduction target *for all lands* remains at 3.4m ac.
 - NFS lands specifically are at 1.2m, up from 1.10m 2019 target and 1.04m 2018 actual.

NRCS - President's Budget FY2020

(see page 25 of USDA budget justification)

- Full mandatory funding for some Farm Bill conservation programs (RCPP and EQIP)
- Proposes elimination of CSP

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- Eliminates the Joint Fire Science Program
- Eliminates the Community Forestry and Open Space Conservation program
- Eliminates the Forest Legacy Program
- Eliminates the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program
- A decrease of Fire Suppression by \$546m, to be replaced as needed by the fire funding fix
 - Note that this is essentially the dividend of the fire funding fix