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Wyoming

Rural Fire Department Grants

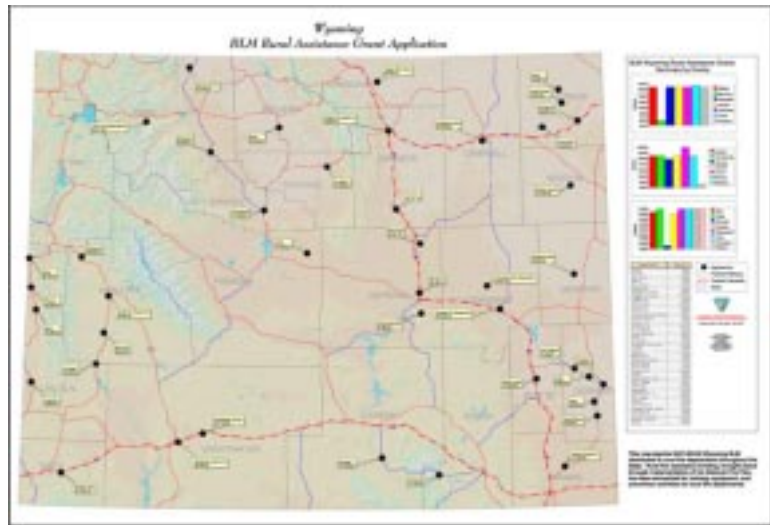
More than \$346,000 was distributed to rural fire departments across Wyoming thanks to the additional money the Bureau of Land Management received as part of the National Fire Plan.

As a result of the increased funding, BLM is distributing the money to enhance fire protection capabilities of the rural departments.

Wyoming departments submitted applications to BLM earlier this year requesting money. They could use the funds for training, equipment purchases, and prevention activities on a cost share basis. The applications were reviewed by an interagency team and the money is now being distributed.

“Last year was a busy fire season and the rural fire organizations were truly an integral part of our fire fighting capabilities,” said Wyoming State Fire Management Officer John Glenn. “Not only will this help increase coordination between BLM and our partners, but the public benefits as well. By improving our fire protection capabilities, we can help reduce fire loss and the occurrence and intensity of fires within the urban interface.”

BLM, in cooperation with the Wyoming Wildland Fire Plan Action Team, distributed this new money which was allocated by Congress to the Department of the Interior fire agencies - Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Forest Service - in the 2001 Appropriations Bill.



Wyoming BLM prepared a map/chart showing the departments and communities who received rural fire grants.

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Muddy Mountain Project-BLM & ROTC

On September 29, the Natrona County High School Reserve Officer Training Corps, Army National Guard, and Bureau of Land Management joined forces to conduct fuels reduction work within the Muddy Mountain National Recreation Trail in celebration of National Public Lands Day.

ROTC students moved and prepared slash piles while learning about forestry and fuels reduction. Activities began at 10 am and ended at 4:30 pm. The National Guard provided transportation for the students, and lunch was provided for participants by BLM.



Fuel loads prepared for removal during National Public Lands Day.



ROTC student piles brush on joint project.



ROTC student gets a workout on the Muddy Mountain project.

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