

March 27, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
Related Agencies
Senate Committee on Appropriations
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and
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Senate Committee on Appropriations
190 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chair Murkowski and Ranking Member Udall:

As researchers, extension unit leaders, and practitioners who work with the federal land management agencies on wildland fire, we urge you to appropriate full funding for the Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) of \$16 million for FY2021, with \$8 million in the US Department of Interior Wildland Fire Management budget and \$8 million in the USDA Forest Service Wildland Fire Management budget (not in the Forest Service Research and Development budget). The President's FY 2021 budget proposal allows for \$3 million through the Department of the Interior, which is a fraction of what is needed to address the complexities of wildland fire in the US, and greatly minimizes the program's overall effectiveness.

Wildfire is a rapidly growing threat to communities, ecosystems, and families across the nation, as fire seasons grow longer and increasingly severe. Now more than ever, our nation needs to increase investment in high-quality fire science and science delivery to support policy makers, managers, and practitioners in addressing the complex challenges of wildland fire.

The JFSP is a major source of funding for wildland fire science and science delivery. It is unique among federal research programs in its focus on applied fire science through inter-agency partnerships. Fire and land managers from the USDA Forest Service and US Department of Interior together identify, with additional stakeholder input, the most urgent research needs around fire management. The JFSP then competitively solicits the best proposals from researchers at universities, nongovernmental organizations, and federal agencies. Research findings are then delivered into the hands of fire and land managers and practitioners through the JFSP-funded Fire Science Exchange Network.

With its focus on science-management interaction and competitive solicitation for the best-qualified researchers to address the most critical scientific questions in fire management, the Joint Fire Science Program, with a very modest budget, is highly efficient and effective at meeting the needs of the fire practitioner community.

We thank Congress for its past support of the Joint Fire Science Program, and urge full funding of \$16 million through the Wildland Fire Management budgets at USDA Forest Service and the US Department of the Interior for FY 2021.

National/International Organizations

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Forest Stewards Guild

Institute for Applied Ecology
International Association of Wildland Fire (IAWF)
Intertribal Timber Council
Northeast Forest Fire Protection Commission
Northeast Regional Cohesive Strategy Committee
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Society for Range Management
Tall Timbers Research Station
The Institute for Bird Populations
The Longleaf Alliance
The National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative
The Nature Conservancy
Union of Concerned Scientists
Watershed Research & Training Center
Western Environmental Law Center
Western Region Strategy Committee
Wildfire Adapted Partnership

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Napa Communities Firewise Foundation (CA)
Oakland Landscape Committee (CA)
Prometheus Fire Consulting LLC (CA)
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Foothill Conservancy (CO)
Fire Adapted Colorado
Florida Society of Geographers
Florida Wildlife Federation
ProForest (FL)
The Georgia Prescribed Fire Council

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Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization
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Laukahi: The Hawaii Plant Conservation Network (HI)
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NC Wildlife Resources Commission
North Carolina State Parks
State Climate Office of Ohio
Blue Mountains Forest Partners (OR)
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South Carolina Forestry Commission
Southern Regional Extension Forestry
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