Fire Management Assistance Grant Program

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Section 420 of the Stafford Act, as amended
44 CFR Part 204

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Bureau of Recovery

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Fire Management Assistance Grant Program

- Replaced the Fire Suppression Assistance Program
- Effective for all fires declared on or after October 30, 2001
- Allows for “mitigation, management, and control” of fires burning on publicly or privately owned forest or grassland which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster
- Allows for assistance under Section 403, Essential Assistance (emergency work)
- Allows for State, Indian tribal governments and local entities to apply through a Grantee for subgrants
### Wildfire Trends and Predictions

#### Year-to-date Statistics (January 1 – April 13)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Fires</th>
<th>Acres</th>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>30,415</td>
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<td>2005</td>
<td>13,046</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>19,903</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>12,077</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>19,504</td>
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<td>2001</td>
<td>18,456</td>
<td>397,978</td>
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#### 5-Year Average (January 1 – April 13)

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<th>Fires</th>
<th>Acres</th>
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<td>2001 – 2006</td>
<td>17,288</td>
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Wildfire Season Forecast  
April - June 2006  
Updated April 3, 2006  

Summary:  
The current weather pattern is preventing rainfall from reaching the state and as a result, there are significant drying conditions across the state. The outlook for the rest of the peak fire season is continuing hot and dry weather with **increasing fire danger and fire potential.**

Through September 2006 Total Wildland Fires = 4,038 covering 209,000 Acres
By late June ‘98, wildfires were popping up all over Florida. Dozens of fires swept through Volusia County on June 20, forcing hundreds to flee their homes and caused the shutdown of several major highways.

Firefighters managed to keep the flames away from homes this time, but they were being pushed to the limit.
Florida Division of Emergency Management
Area Map

1. Jimmie Helms  (850) 528-7523
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3. Jim Britts  (850) 519-8480
4. Kenneth Stephens  (850) 519-8633
5. Russell Manning  (850) 519-8636
6. Laurie Carley  (850) 519-8635
7. Wayne Hinnant  (850) 519-8639
NIMS – Financial Mgr.

- **Single Fire** Exceeds Local and State Capabilities
- Incident Commander Request State to Declare the Wildfire as a Disaster
- FEMA Approves Declaration
- EOC Fire Management Committee Defines Incident Start and End Dates
- 21-days eligible for Pre-Positioning Costs
- 30-days eligible for Repairs After End Date
“Fire Complex” Issues

• Single Fire Starts
• **Multiple Fires** erupt within one or more counties
• One or More Fires Exceed Capabilities
• FEMA Approves One Fire or a Complex
• Financial Mgr. Tracks Costs for Individual Fires to End of Incident Reports to IC
• EOC Fire Mgmt. Comm. Determines Eligible Fires & FEMA **must** Agree
Important FMAGP Timelines

• Request for FMA Declaration -- 44 CFR § 204.22

• Temporary Repair of damage caused by eligible firefighting activities -- 44 CFR § 204.42 (g)

• Preparing & Submitting an Application -- 44 CFR § 204.51 (a)

• Request for Fire Management Assistance -- 44 CFR § 204.52 (a) (l)

• Submitting a Project Worksheet -- 44 CFR § 204.52 (c) (l)
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<th>Days Remaining until Milestone Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Eligible Pre-Positioning Costs</td>
<td>21 days prior to incident s</td>
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<td>Incident Start Date</td>
<td>4/14/2006</td>
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<td>MILESTONE Deadline Dates:</td>
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<td>Eligible Repair Damages Cutoff Date</td>
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<td>RFMA Application to SubGrantee Deadline</td>
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<td>Grantee Submits 424 Pkg to FEMA</td>
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<td>State Request for Time Extension Cutoff Date from submittal</td>
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<td>or from date of approved time extension</td>
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<td>Grantee Submits FF-20-10 Financial Status Report</td>
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Note: Days Remaining until Milestone Date are calculated from the date of the incident or the date of the approved time extension, whichever is applicable.
FMAG Claim Process

- Day 0 – Incident Period Closed
- Day 30 – Submit “Request” for Authorization to DCA-Recovery
- DCA Contacts Applicant to Develop Project Worksheets
- Day 90 – Applicant Expense Claims Due at DCA-Recovery
- Day 180 – DCA Package Due at FEMA-FMAG
- Day ? - Payment made to DCA & Transmitted to Applicant
FEMA – FMAG Reimbursement for Declared Wildland Fires

- DCA – EOC
- Div. of Forestry – Incident Commander (On-scene)

Fire Suppression Assistance Requested (Tracker) by:
EOC
DoF- Incident Commander
Or by:
An Authorized Provider
FloridaDisaster.org
Florida Division of Emergency Management

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Fire Assistance Program

- Who is Eligible?

State Agencies and Political subdivisions of the state (city, county, and districts)

Fire Declarations are usually declared for the affected County or State Division of Forestry Fire District. State and Local Governmental costs for carrying out eligible Fire Program Grant Objectives that are incurred during an established Incident Period for a Fire Declaration, and certain other costs that arise from the fire operations, may be eligible for FEMA Assistance.

- When is it Eligible?

FEMA Fire Declarations are issued after the State's request for federal assistance for an
Eligible Responders

- Must beRequested by Incident Commander, Local EOC or FLEOC
- Documented in Writing (TRACKER, fax, letter or email)
- Government, VFD, Private Non-Profits
- Eligible Responders-IC can Request Assistance & They Become Eligible
FMAGP Eligible Costs (Chapter 3 of DRAFT)

Include:

• Costs for equipment and supplies (less insurance proceeds);
• Costs for emergency work (evacuations and sheltering, police barricading and traffic control, arson investigation);
• Costs for State emergency operations center (when used as a Unified Command Center);
• Costs for the pre-positioning of Federal, out-of State, and international resources for up to 21 days;
• Costs for mobilization and demobilization costs;
• Mutual aid (pre-and post), and backfill
• Cost of personal comfort and safety items for firefighter health and safety;
• Costs for field camps and meals in lieu of per diem;
• Costs for the temporary repair of damage cause by firefighting activities;
• Costs for the mitigation, management, and control of declared fires burning on co-mingled Federal land, when such costs are not reimbursable by another Federal agency.
Administrative Costs

Direct Costs

• Both grantees and subgrantees can claim direct administrative costs (44 CFR 204.63(a))

Indirect Costs

• Only grantees may claim indirect costs for applicable Grantee Administration costs in accordance with their approved indirect cost rate under OMB-Circular A-87. (44 CFR 204.63(b))

• Copies of current approved indirect cost rate letters should be submitted along with Project Worksheets.
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FEMA.gov FMAGP Website

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Disaster Assistance for the Mitigation, Management, and Control of Fires

Fire Management Assistance is available to States, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster. The Fire Management Assistance declaration process operates on a real-time basis, under which a State submits a request for assistance to the FEMA Regional Director at the time a “threat of major disaster” exists. The entire process is accomplished on an expedited basis and a FEMA decision is rendered in a matter of hours.

The Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) provides a 75 percent Federal cost share and the State pays the remaining 25 percent for actual costs. Before a FMAGP grant can be awarded to a State must demonstrate that total eligible costs for the declared fire event exceed either the individual fire cost threshold, which is applied to each fire, or the cumulative fire cost threshold, which recognizes numerous smaller fires burning throughout a State. Eligible firefighting costs covered under the may include expenses for field camps, equipment use, repair and replacement, tools, materials and supplies, and mobilization and demobilization activities.

FMAGP Brochure (PDF 60KB, TXT 6KB)

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• The May 2006 Guidebook has been issued. The format will mirrors the PA Guidebook, and will be available in hard copy and online.

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http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fmagp/policies.shtm
FMAGP Resources

- FMAGP Brochure
  - Provides a brief overview of the program.
  - Available through the Web or calling the FEMA Publications Warehouse (1-800-480-2520)

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Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA)

FMAG – Wildland Fires

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