

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Natural Resources
Emergency Firefighters Non-Emergency Projects
Component

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Component Mission

Hire emergency firefighters (EFF) for fire management and hazard fuels reduction work, fire prevention, habitat restoration or improvement and other related activities in non-emergency circumstances under AS 41.15.030.

Component Services Provided

This component enables the Division to hire trained and experienced village EFF crews and individual EFF for use by cooperating state, municipal and federal land management agencies on pre-planned, non-emergency prescribed fire and other non-fire projects. Cooperating land management agencies have identified numerous prescribed burning projects across the state. These planned projects have identified approximately 250 crew work-days that will require the use of trained fire fighting crews. Prescribed fire projects require the use of highly trained and organized crews to conduct the burns in a safe and effective manner. Agencies utilizing the village EFF crews and individual EFF will provide the funding to pay for the costs associated with their use. These projects have the potential to reduce wildland fire threat to villages and communities in Alaska through the reduction of hazardous fuels and will improve wildlife habitat.

Component Goals and Strategies

The goal of this component is to utilize trained EFF village crews and individual EFF on non-emergency prescribed fire and hazard fuels reduction projects to meet the resource management objectives of various state, municipal and federal land management agencies in Alaska. This goal supports the Governor's jobs for Alaskans initiative.

The strategy is to market trained and experienced EFF crews and individual EFF for hire for various projects to cooperating state, municipal and federal agencies. The strategy includes providing services that make hiring EFF crews more desirable than other alternatives for short-term employment. The strategy is to keep EFF crews working together as a team so they will gain additional experience and be ready to fight wildland fires.

Key Component Issues for FY2001 – 2002

None

Major Component Accomplishments for FY2000

During FY00, two projects were accomplished utilizing EFF crews:

- **Hillside Hazard Fuel Reduction:** The Tazlina Type 1 EFF Crew was employed for six weeks to accomplish hazard tree removal, fire break improvement and other hazard fuel work to reduce the potential of a serious wildland fire on the Hillside area in the Municipality of Anchorage. The Municipality of Anchorage utilized Project Impact Grant funding received from FEMA for Wildland Fire Mitigation work.
- **Kenai Borough Hazard Fuel Reduction:** The Kenai Type 2 EFF Crew worked for the Kenai Peninsula Borough for four weeks to reduce hazardous fuel adjacent to public facilities to reduce the potential of a serious wildland fire. The crew worked in State Parks, various school sites and on City of Kenai property. The Kenai Peninsula Borough utilized Federal Spruce Bark Beetle Funding to accomplish the hazard fuels projects.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Alaska Statute 41.15.030

Key Performance Measures for FY2002

Measure: Use of emergency firefighter personnel for non-emergency hazard fuel reduction and habitat improvement projects.

(Not yet addressed by Legislature.)

Current Status:

EFF crews and individual EFF were utilized twice during the FY00 year by cooperating municipal, federal and state agencies. There is interest by the Municipality of Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula Borough in using them again in FY02.

Benchmark:

Ensure that EFF crews and individual EFF are trained and available for use on non-emergency hazard fuel reduction, prescribed fire and other resource management projects.

Background and Strategies:

Use of trained and experienced village EFF crews and individual EFF for hazard fuel reduction, prescribed fire and other resource management projects supports the Governor's goal of increasing employment opportunities for Alaskans and also improves wildlife habitat and reduces potential wildland fire threats to the citizens of Alaska, structures and other high value resources.

Utilizing EFF crews for non-emergency hazard fuel reduction and other prescribed fire projects provides opportunities for crews to work together enhancing their skills for wildland fire assignments and provides needed revenue into the rural communities of Alaska.

Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of emergency firefighter personnel for non-emergency hazard fuel reduction and habitat improvement projects. 		X			

**Emergency Firefighters Non-Emergency Projects
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2002 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	122.1	175.0	175.0
72000 Travel	0.0	2.0	2.0
73000 Contractual	0.0	53.0	53.0
74000 Supplies	0.0	20.0	20.0
75000 Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	122.1	250.0	250.0
Funding Sources:			
1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	122.1	250.0	250.0
Funding Totals	122.1	250.0	250.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2000 Actuals	FY2001 Authorized	FY2001 Cash Estimate	FY2002 Governor	FY2003 Forecast
Unrestricted Revenues						
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues						
Capital Improvement Project Receipts	51200	122.1	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0
Restricted Total		122.1	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0
Total Estimated Revenues		122.1	250.0	250.0	250.0	250.0

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Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002

No proposed changes assuming a continuation level budget.

Summary of Component Budget Changes

From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	0.0	0.0	250.0	250.0
FY2002 Governor	0.0	0.0	250.0	250.0