



# Nevada

Nevada's Forest Resource Fact Sheet

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## Investment in Nevada's Cooperative Programs:

Program	FY 2003 Federal Funding	FY 2003 Estimated State Forester Match	FY 2004 Federal Estimate	FY 2004 State Forester Estimate
Forest Health Management	\$63,250	\$63,250	\$73,250	\$73,250
Cooperative Weed Management <sup>1</sup>	\$165,300	N/A	\$104,300	N/A
Native Seed Program	\$425,000	\$65,100	0	0
Cooperative Fire Protection - State Assistance	\$1,286,290	\$1,286,290	\$565,900	\$565,900
Hazard Mitigation <sup>2</sup>	\$1,743,224	\$1,713,224	\$2,199,350	\$2,199,350
Cooperative Fire Protection - Volunteer Assistance	\$156,000	\$156,000	\$156,000	\$156,000
Forest Legacy Program	\$10,000	\$3,333	0	0
Forest Land Enhancement Program	\$100,000	\$100,000	0	0
Forest Stewardship Program	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$192,000	\$192,000
Economic Action Programs <sup>3</sup>	\$617,684	N/A	\$150,000	N/A
Natural Resource Conservation Education	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Urban and Community Forestry <sup>4</sup>	\$385,900	\$374,000	\$264,000	\$264,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,187,648</b>	<b>\$3,996,197</b>	<b>\$3,719,800</b>	<b>\$3,465,500</b>

Cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Nevada, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Nevada's forest lands and rural economies. Together, we emphasize timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. Our goal is to maintain and improve the health of Nevada's urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- ◆ **Reduce costs** through the use of partnerships,
- ◆ **Increase values** through sustained productivity of forests, and
- ◆ Are **voluntary** and **non-regulatory** in their delivery.

### Key issues:

Key issues which the State will address in implementation of the 2004 budget include:

- ◆ Implement the new Fuels For Schools program including building a demonstration system in Ely, Nevada before the 2004/2005 school year.
- ◆ Reduce fire risk to watersheds and wildland urban interface communities.
- ◆ Raise public awareness of the values and benefits of community trees, tree selection and care.

<sup>1</sup> Delivered through Nevada Department of Agriculture.

<sup>2</sup> Includes SFA mitigation dollars, a grant to Washoe Tribe and NFS dollars for fuels reduction on lands adjacent to NFS fuels projects.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Fuels for Schools, National Fire Plan Economic Action and Rural Community Assistance grants to Nevada communities.

<sup>4</sup> Includes \$374,000 delivered through NDF and \$11,900 delivered to communities.

## Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments:

SELECTED FACTS		SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	<b>1,998,257</b>	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	<b>41</b>
Acres of Forest Land	<b>9,767,000</b>	Area Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	<b>6,667</b>
Acres of Non-Industrial Private Forest Land (NIPF)	<b>775,415</b>	Area Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	<b>42,580</b>
Number of NIPF Landowners	<b>17,000</b>	Rural Acres Planted	<b>514</b>
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	<b>20.92 million</b>	Technical Assists to Private Landowners	<b>25</b>
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	<b>8.77 million</b>	Grants to communities under Cooperative Fire Programs	<b>53</b>
Number Rural Fire Departments	<b>211</b>	Rural Fire Department Firefighters Trained	<b>12</b>
Number of Cities and Towns	<b>69</b>	State & Private Acres Surveyed for Forest Health	<b>500,000</b>
Forest Based Employment	<b>33</b>	Urban Forestry – Participating Communities	<b>80</b>
Forest Based Earnings	<b>\$1,094,884</b>	Urban Forestry – Volunteer Days Generated	<b>1,424</b>
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	<b>79<sup>th</sup></b>	Economic Action Grants to Rural Areas	<b>20</b>
State Forestry Budget	<b>\$20.8 million</b>	Person Days Attendance -- Workshops/Tech Transfer	<b>1,535</b>

### Program Highlights:

Cooperative Fire Protection: Our Volunteer Fire Assistance dollars funded \$146,000 in new firefighting equipment and the establishment of a new Rural Fire District in 2003. Hazard Mitigation dollars funded 26 projects covering 2,450 acres and supported 4 Community Mitigation/Prevention Education projects.

Community Planning for Fire Protection: Nevada Firesafe Council continued to provide critical fire planning assistance to at-risk communities throughout the state; their reach has grown to 16 council chapters and over 600 members statewide. But the council's work goes far beyond community planning – they provide technical assistance and community capacity building with phenomenal results! With the council's help, Nevada communities had received \$1.3 million in grants for hazardous fuels reduction by the end of 2003, with another \$1.2 million pending. The council has also completed 10 hazardous fuels reduction projects and at least 15 community education studies.

Economic Action – Biomass Utilization: Nevada Firesafe Council also issued a \$50,000 grant to project the potential volume of biomass to be produced in hazardous fuels reduction projects within a 50-mile radius of Carson City, so the city could develop plans for beneficial use of this “waste.” Meanwhile, Nevada Division of Forestry issued a \$30,000 National Fire Plan grant to develop a 45-acre site adjacent to the Carson City landfill, for biomass chipping and storage.

Economic Action – Fuels for Schools: Ely, Nevada has been selected as the site for Nevada's first demonstration project under this cutting-edge program. An efficient wood-fired heating system will be up and running for the 2004/2005 school year. Nevada Division of Forestry has hired a statewide coordinator to assist with the growth of this solution to biomass disposal.

Forest Health Protection: We surveyed and monitored 500,000 of our State and Private lands in 2003, including a large percentage of Nevada's 775,415 acres of nonindustrial private forests.

Urban and Community Forestry: Nevada Division of Forestry granted \$7,200 to plant 48 trees and develop educational curriculum at Ute Perkins Elementary School in Moapa. Moapa is a culturally diverse community with Paiute Indian, Hispanic and Caucasian citizens. The school budget was barely able to cover the cost of in-class items, so our grant was critical to fund trees and irrigation, providing desperately needed shade to young students in this Mojave Desert environment.

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