WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The bill provides $1,737,631,000 for Forest Service Wildland Fire Management. In addition to
the funding provided, the Forest Service is directed to use $240,000,000 in carryover
emergency fire suppression funds before obligating fiscal year 2012 suppression funds. The
amount provided, combined with $315,886,000 in the FLAME Wildfire Suppression Reserve
Fund, fully funds the Forest Service’s 10-year average expenditures for fire suppression.
The conferees also provide the following directions:
The Forest Service should complete a plan to replace the aging fleet of federal air tankers as
soon as possible. While the Forest Service and others have produced study after study on the
critical shortage of firefighting aircraft, there has been a complete lack of substantive progress
this year. The Service must work more closely with the Department of the Interior in developing
the strategy for replacing the current air tanker fleet.