

Infrastructure Bill and Funds Coming to Idaho

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Clarification - Maybe

- ▶ There will be a lot of question marks in this presentation as there is still a lot that we simply don't know.
- ▶ There will also be a lot of numbers and acronyms sorry we can't help that much either.



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- ▶ AKA – The Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA) H.R. 3684 (Public Law No: 117-58)
 - Signed into law November 15, 2021, covering FFY22-26
 - \$1.2 Trillion (1,200,000,000,000)
 - Most of the money related to what we do is “Appropriated” under the law
 - These funds will be in addition to normal appropriations



Spending totals over 5 years

S&PF

\$1.53B in the bucket

- \$500M: at risk communities for wildfire mitigation
- \$88M: SFA
- \$20M: VFA
- \$200.8M: State FAP

Wildfire
Risk
Reduction

Ecosystem
Restoration

\$718M
S&PF +
\$2.12B
NFS

NFS

\$2.58B in the bucket

- \$514M: Haz fuels mgt
- \$225M: Burned area recovery



So, what is coming to Idaho



Highlights (Remember 5 years)

- ▶ \$88M State Fire Assistance (SFA)
 - FFY 22 we received \$322,353
 - FFY 23 ???
- ▶ \$20M Volunteer Fire Assistance (has a new name)
 - FFY 22 we received \$112,440
 - FFY 23 ???
- ▶ \$200.8M State Forest Action Plans
 - FFY 22 \$573,000
 - FFY 23 \$623,000



Other BIL Funding

- ▶ Revegetation Funding (applied for)
 - \$160,000 for FFY 24 to Pitkin Nursery
- ▶ Community Wildfire Defense Grants (CWDG)
 - \$197M Granted in the first round (Idaho had 7 apps)
 - Clark County \$690,000
 - Idaho Firewise \$120,000
- ▶ Fish Passage
- ▶ NRCS (EQIP get \$8.45B but...)
- ▶ FEMA



Not just BIL but IRL too

- ▶ \$1.8B for Hazardous Fuel Reduction projects on NFS
- ▶ \$200M for vegetation management on NFS
- ▶ \$100M for NEPA
- ▶ \$50M for protection of old growth
- ▶ \$100M for wood innovations program
- ▶ \$450M for Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)
 - Climate mitigation or forest resilience



Expanded Funding

- ▶ Urban and Community (\$1.5B)
 - Additional base funding is being provided to grow the program
 - Project grants are available to substantially expand services and opportunities (IDL has applied for \$1.6M)
- ▶ Forest Legacy (\$700M previously \$70M)
 - Additional base funding – IDL is adding an FTE
 - Tribal emphasis
 - Landscape scale (No limit)
 - Small NIPFs (under \$1M per application)



So, we have received millions of dollars for Idaho, right?

- ▶ Not yet... but...
- ▶ So far, we have only received about \$1M
- ▶ We have just received notification of funding for a little over \$2M additional
- ▶ We have applications out for about \$2M more
- ▶ We anticipate receiving additional funds for our base programs and we expect to be successful in several project specific grants



What's next?

- ▶ The BIL funding has a 5-year life span some of the IRL funding is good for 10 years, but we have a new Congress, and we are facing new economic challenges, already we are getting push back on funding levels.
- ▶ Expect a wild ride.
- ▶ We will do the best we can to secure funding for worthwhile projects in Idaho and we will strive to make the funding we get stretch as far as we can.



Questions?

