

AGENDA

June 3, 2011

Yates Building, McArdle Room (1st floor) USDA Forest Service Headquarters 1400 Independence Ave. SW Washington, DC 20250

10:00 - 12:00 AM - Eastern Time

Conference Number: 1-866-675-7534; Passcode: 874608#

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Time	#		Торіс	Presenter
1000 – 1005	1		Welcome/Introductions	Roy Johnson
1005 – 1010	2	☑ Information ☑ Discussion □ Decision	Meeting Objectives & ExpectationsDescription:Outline the objectives and expectations of thismeetingOutcome:1. Understanding what we need to accomplishReference Material:1. Agenda	Tom Harbour
1010 – 1050	3	 ☑ Information ☑ Discussion □ Decision 	 CS Sub-Committee reports <u>Description:</u> Sub-Committees will report on the following: 1. Identify actions, milestones and deliverables that were to be accomplished between the April WFEC meeting and now. 2. Report on actual accomplishments during that time period. 3. Identify actions, milestones and deliverables planned to be completed between now and the June 17 WFEC meeting. 4. Identify any issues or barriers that need to be resolved. 5. Identify what, if anything, is needed from WFEC. Outcome: 1. Understanding of the activities of each subcommittee. 2. Agreement on any modifications to deliverables or timelines 3. Identify of next steps to resolve any pending issues and/or barriers Reference Material: 1. Sub-Committee Status Reports 	Kirk Rowdabaugh (CSSC) Douglas MacDonald (RSC – West) Tom Harbour (RSC – Northeast) Jim Karels (RSC – South)

Time	#		Торіс	Presenter
1050 – 1130	4	☑ Information ☑ Discussion ☑ Decision	CSSC response to WFEC tasking – CS process requirements Description: The Cohesive Strategy Subcommittee was tasked to develop recommendations on the questions posed by the Western Regional Strategy Committee. <u>Outcome:</u> 1. Understand and approve the CSSC's recommendations <u>Reference Material:</u> 1. Proposal to approve the CSSC Answers/Recommendations to WRSC questions	Kirk Rowdabaugh
Handout Only	5	 ☑ Information ☑ Discussion □ Decision 	 DOD, DOA, DOI Report to Congress on Aerial Firefighting Resources Description: Provide the Final DOD report to Congress on the Joint use of the C-130J for wildland firefighting. Provide a copy of HR1473 (DOD 2011 Appropriation) that requires a report to congress by Oct. 15. Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and the Director of the National Guard Bureau, in collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, the House Committee on Agriculture, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources a report of firefighting aviation assets. <u>Outcome:</u> Information Reference Material: Final Report to Congress – C-130J HR 1473 requiring a report to Congress by Oct. 15 	Tom Harbour Roy Johnson
1130 – 1140	6	☑ Information □ Discussion □ Decision	 Round Table Discussion <u>Description:</u> WFEC members have the opportunity to share information with the committee and identify issues that may result in potential future agenda items. <u>Outcome:</u> Understanding of activities within the members' organizations. <u>Reference Material:</u> Each member prepare a paragraph or two to addressing their organization's relevant activities, issues, etc 	WFEC Members

Time	#		Торіс	Presenter
1140 – 1155	7	☑ Information □ Discussion □ Decision	Public Comments Description: Time for WFEC to hear from the public. Specific topics to be determined Outcome: 1. Awareness of public opinions related to WFEC activities Reference Material: 1. TBD	Public
1155 – 1200	8	□ Information ☑ Discussion ☑ Decision	CloseoutDescription:1. Review the outcomes of this meeting2. Review decision and actions3. Identify potential agenda items for June 17Outcome:1. Agreement on decisions and actions2. Agreement on focus for next meeting	Tom Harbour
1200	9		ADJOURN	



Date: June 3, 2011

Subcommittee: Cohesive Strategy Subcommittee (CSSC)

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

- At its May 6 meeting, the WFEC requested the CSSC formulate a recommendation to the WFEC regarding whether the Cohesive Strategy Regional Strategy Committees (RSCs) be required to use the first 24 questions of the Comparative Risk Assessment Framework and Tools (CRAFT) "Wizard." Since then, each RSC has agreed that it will use the CRAFT Wizard questions; consequently, no recommendation is necessary.
- CSSC members remain actively involved with the progress of each RSC. Since the last WFEC meeting, each of the three RSCs have held their first meeting, and have agreed to invite CSSC members to RSC conference calls as a source of guidance and information.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

 The CSSC has begun crafting tools and strategies for use by the WFEC, CSSC and RSC members for communicating with internal and external audiences. On its May 25 conference call, the CSSC agreed to pursue two webinars for internal and external participants, which will explain the cohesive strategy effort and avenues for involvement.

Issues Identified:

- The group agreed that prior to hosting webinars, it will be necessary to identify a point of contact within each RSC to handle any inquiries for further information they may receive as a result of the webinars.

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

None

References:

None

Contact Information:

Kirk Rowdabaugh 202-606-3447



Status Report

Date: May 27, 2011

Subcommittee: Western RSC

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

- Decided to use the Craft questions and to establish a work group to facilitate the Phase II process.
- Agreed that Joe Stutler and Corbin Newman would be Co-Chairs of the RSC.
- Agreed on a draft work plan and established conference call dates.
- Agreed to contract out focus group sessions to solicit input.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- Prepare draft work group charter.
- Take information from the western forums to begin answering CRAFT questions.
- Prepare draft statement of work with cost estimates for focus group sessions.
- Establish work groups.

Issues Identified:

None

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

None

References:

None

Contact Information:

Joe Stutler 541-322-7117 and Alan Quan 928-777-5714



Date: June 3, 2011

Subcommittee: Northeast Region Strategy Subcommittee

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

The NE RSC met May 9-10 resulting in the following outcomes.

- Chair, Matt Rollins and Vice-Chair, George Baker.
- The RSC will use both the CRAFT questions and portal to complete the qualitative report of goals, objectives and portfolios of actions/activities.
- The RSC will not have independent sub-regions. Instead, the RSC will convene a working group to develop an initial draft of the qualitative report by the target date of July 11. The RSC can then focus the next 45-60 days on garnering input and conducting outreach with the many stakeholders in the NE.
- The RSC has established one support working group with the purpose of gathering pre-work information in preparation and support of the RSC's initial draft report.
- An initial list of stakeholder groups was identified for outreach after the first draft report. This list will be revisited by the RSC after the first draft to determine a plan for outreach, soliciting input and engagement.
- Existing meetings/opportunities for input and outreach were identified. RSC members planning to attend these meeting will represent the RSC in outreach to these groups.

The regularly scheduled conference call is the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month.

- NE Working Group Workshop will be Mon June 27 Wed June 29. Location TBD.
- The NE will host a Working Group virtual meeting (1-1.5 hours) on Friday June 10th at 3pm to orient WG members and others on the task/workshop.

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- WG Team Leads are collecting input, information, resources and contact names to build the resource library and draft initial responses to the CRAFT planning questions (i.e prework in preparation for the Working Group Workshop).
- Complete preparations for the NE Working Group Workshop and Virtual Meeting.
- RSC is finalizing a WG Charter.

Issues Identified:

- The RSC considered the timeframes of the task-at-hand to be extremely short; however they will pursue the best possible product given the established timeframes and recognizing that this must be an iterative process that will take continued discussion, work and updates to be truly successful.



Status Report

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed: None

References:

None

Contact Information:

Tom Harbour 202-205-1483



Date: June 3, 2011

Subcommittee: Southeast Regional Strategy Committee

Accomplishments Since Last Report:

The SE RSC met May 23 – 24 in Atlanta. The following are key decisions from the meeting.

- The RSC Chair is Mike Zupko and the Vice Chair is Kevin Fitzgerald
- The Southeast will not break into sub-regions for Phase II. For Phase III, the RSC will assess whether to break down the region as they discover more about the issues, process and available information. The breakdown may or may not be along geographic boundaries but could be topical.
- Consensus was to establish a working group
 - a. The Working Group will:
 - i. Evaluate current state assessments, fire risk assessments, southern forest futures and regional summary as background material to develop the responses to the questions
 - ii. Evaluate the prototype and incorporate the results with the above
 - iii. Conduct a gap analysis to identify holes
 - iv. Tie CS outreach to ongoing initiatives.
 - v. Coordinate with the science team
 - vi. Develop the content to answer the 24 answers
 - vii. Identify additional objectives
 - viii. Identify any missing opportunities
- The RSC established a schedule of interim deliverables and due dates for the Working Group
- The RSC finalized the Working Group Charter
- The following were named as Working Group Members:

David Frederick (LEAD) – Southern Group of State Foresters Rachel Smith – Forest Service Vince Carver – FWS - Regional Fire Ecologist Darryl Jones – South Carolina – Fire Chief Margit Bucher – TNC Tom Spenser – Texas Forest Service - GIS Carol Deming/Alexa McKerrow - USGS Forrest Blackbear – BIA - Forester



Status Report

Jim Ham to name a Local Representative

- Conference calls are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1400 (Eastern Time)
- The next RSC face to face meeting will be September 7-8 in Asheville, NC

Planned Activities for Next Reporting Period:

- Working Group will look into method of putting together a web-based instrument to obtain public/interested party input/comments
- Jim Fox from the University of North Carolina/Asheville will provide support for the website development and outreach

Issues Identified:

The RSC noted the short timeframe but believes that it is manageable given the relationships that already exist in the Southeast as well as the extensive work that has already occurred such as the Southern Forests Future Project, State Assessments, Regional Summary, etc. that they will build from to complete the work for the Cohesive Strategy.

WFEC Decisions/Approvals Needed:

None

References:

None

Contact Information:

Mike Zupko - sgsfexec@zup-co-inc.com; Kevin Fitzgerald – 865.436.1202; Sandy Cantler – 202.205.1512



Cohesive Strategy Subcommittee

(CSSC)

Purpose: The CSSC will provide leadership, oversight and guidance on development of the proposed processes and tasks necessary to complete Phases II and III and implement the Cohesive Strategy. The CSSC reports directly to the WFEC and will provide a recommendation for each assigned task directly to the WFEC for their consideration. The WFEC reports and provides recommendations through the Wildland Fire Leadership Council to the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior.

Functions: During Phase II, the CSSC is tasked to provide support to all aspects of completing the deliverables defined by the WFEC for Phases II and III. The CSSC will provide continual feedback on the progress of completing these deliverables and make recommendations, as necessary, on changes to the planning and analysis process designed to complete Phases II and III. The CSSC may elect to establish a Science and Analysis Team to support the completion of a proposed process and guidance recommendation for completing the national risk trade-off analysis in Phase III.

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Membership:

Name	Organization
Pollihan, Caitlyn	Council of Western State Foresters/NASF
Roper, Bob	IACF
Sloan, Jenna	DOI
Smith, Dan	NASF
Walker, Ann	WGA

Lasko, Rich	USDA Forest Service
Kirk Rowdabaugh	WFEC
Patti Blankenship	DHS U.S. Fire Administration

Meetings and Reports

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Approval:

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Roy A. Johnson Designated Federal Official Wildland Fire Executive Council



West Regional Strategy Subcommittee

(West RSC)

Purpose: The West RSC will provide leadership, oversight and guidance within the western region for completing the tasks assigned by the WFEC during Phases II and III of the Cohesive Strategy implementation

Functions: During Phase II, the RSC is tasked to complete a regional assessment through the defined planning and analysis process, including the articulation of regional goals, objectives and portfolios of activities and actions that support the goals of the *National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy*. The RSC may elect to establish a regional or sub-regional Working Group(s) to support the completion of this task. During Phase III, the RSC will be tasked by the WFEC to participate in the completion of a national risk trade-off analysis. The RSC reports directly to the WFEC and will provide a recommendation for each assigned task directly to the WFEC for their consideration.

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Responsibilities:

- Deliver a report containing regional goals, objectives and a portfolio of associated actions and activities to the WFEC by September 2011.
- Develop an understanding of the governance and oversight roles for the Region
- Determine if sub-regions will be delineated, and if so identify the geographic boundaries of each.
- Determine the appropriate membership on the Working Group(s) to ensure necessary input from land managers, stakeholders, partners, and the public.
- Provide guidance to Working Group(s) on expectations for conducting outreach and ensuring participation throughout the Phase II process.
- Establish timeframes and ensure completion of sub-regional goals, objectives and portfolios of actions and activities.
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• Regional Strategy Committees must ensure that regional interests are represented throughout the Phase II process.

Name	Organization
Cope, Robert	NACo
Ensley, Pam	FWS
Foster, Sam	USDA FS
Harrington, Bob	NASF
Harwood, Tony	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Newman, Corbin	USDA FS
Philbin, John	BIA
Seidlitz, Aden	BLM
Stutler, Joe	IAFC - Deschutes County, OR
Taylor-Goodrich, Karen	NPS
Walker, Ann	WGA
Hawbaker, Todd	USGS
Douglas McDonald	WFEC
TBD	USGS

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Name	Organization
Baker, George	IAFC
Blaker, Doreen	Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Jakala, Steve	FWS
Johnson, Jim	NACo, Cook County, MN
Loach, Jim	NPS
Rains, Michael	USDA FS
Remus, Tom	BIA
Simpkins, Brad	NASF
Harbour, Tom	WFEC

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Southeast Regional Strategy Subcommittee

(Southeast RSC)

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Agapoa, Liz	USDA FS
Boggus, Tim	NASF
Brunson, Ed	BIA
Doudrick, Rob	USDA FS
Eaton, Bob	FWS
Fitzgerald, Kevin	NPS
Lowrey, Tom	Choctaw Nation
Woods, Bruce	IAFC
TBD	USGS
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Proposal

Date: June 3, 2011

Subcommittee: Cohesive Strategy Subcommittee (CSSC)

Description of Issue or Assignment:

There were several questions posed by the Western Region Strategy Committee (WRSC) at the May 6 WFEC meeting. As a result, WFEC requested the CSSC to develop recommendations on the questions to be discussed at the June 3 WFEC Meeting

The questions identified in the WRSC status report are as follows:

- 1. Is there a prescribed process (CRAFT planning questions) that all regions must follow to define goals, objectives, and actions/activities? Or can each RSC decide which process and tools to use and how to complete the qualitative report task?
- 2. What is the role of the CSSC in the qualitative report task? Does the CSSC have a role in ensuring national consistency among each region's qualitative reports, or a role in reviewing all reports prior to submitting to WFEC?

Discussion of Proposed Recommendation(s):

At its May 6 meeting, the WFEC requested the CSSC formulate a recommendation to the WFEC regarding whether the Cohesive Strategy Regional Strategy Committees (RSCs) be required to use the first 24 questions of the Comparative Risk Assessment Framework and Tools (CRAFT) "Wizard." Since then, each RSC has agreed that it will use the CRAFT Wizard questions; consequently, no recommendation is necessary.

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Identify Considerations:

- 1. Each RSC decided to use the 24 questions. Therefore, it wasn't necessary for the CSSC to recommend that they do so.
- 2. See the "Rationale" section.



Proposal

Rationale for Recommendation(s):

- 1. No recommendation necessary
- 2. Throughout the development of the Cohesive Strategy, the CSSC (formerly the Cohesive Strategy Oversight Committee CSOC) has played an active oversight role, in addition to making process and planning decisions as well as providing substantive input into the development of the Cohesive Strategy. Given the CSSC's significant involvement since the beginning of Phase I, ensuring the qualitative reports that come from each RSC meet the basic requirements necessary to complete Phase III, is a continuation of the important role the CSSC has played.

Recommendation(s):

- 1. Each RSC has decided that it will use the CRAFT Wizard questions; consequently, no recommendation is necessary.
- 2. The role of the CSSC in the development of the qualitative report is to ensure each RSC meets the basic requirements of addressing the 24 CRAFT questions and that each RSC has tied their objectives and actions and activities to the national goals that were developed in Phase I.

Decision Method used:

- □ Subcommittee Consensus
- □ Modified Consensus (explain, i.e. majority, super-majority)
- □ Chair Decision

Contact Information:



WFEC Decision:

- □ WFEC Approves
- WFEC Approves with Modifications (not required to resubmit for WFEC approval – see notes below)
- □ Need More Information (required to come back to WFEC for approval)
- □ WFEC Does Not Approve

Roy Johnson, DFO

Date

Notes regarding decision:



HOMELAND DEFENSE & AMERICAS' SECURITY AFFAIRS

MAY 1 5 2011

The Honorable Carl Levin Chairman, Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the report on C-130 firefighting capability requested in the explanatory

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of the House of Representatives, and referenced in sections 1014 and 8124 of the Department of

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Attachment: As stated

cc: Honorable John McCain Ranking Member



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The Honorable Michael Simpson Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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REPORT ON THE JOINT USE OF FEDERAL FOREST FIRE FIGHTING ASSETS/C-130 FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES

SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEFENSE OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

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REPORT ON THE JOINT USE OF FEDERAL FOREST FIRE FIGHTING ASSETS/C-130 FIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES

PURPOSE

This report responds to the explanatory statement regarding the Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations Act for 2010 by the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, which requested a report on the Joint Use of Federal Forest Fire Fighting Assets/C-130 Fire Fighting Capabilities, and provides a formal DoD position on such joint use. The relevant language from the explanatory statement is provided at TAB A.

INTEGRATED WORKING GROUP

As requested in the explanatory statement, an Integrated Working Group (IWG) was formed to coordinate the joint use of Federal forest firefighting assets. The IWG was also used to develop the report. IWG membership included representatives from DoD, including the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the National Guard Bureau, as well as from the Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

KEY OBSERVATIONS & FINDINGS

The Department of Defense believes that the mission proposed in the explanatory statement is not viable. DoD has critical concerns regarding the additional manpower and financial resources that would be required for the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard to accomplish this mission in other than a secondary role.

- This proposed mission comes with a significantly increased cost to DoD, as well as to the supported U.S. Government department or agency. This discussion comes at the same time that DoD must find \$100 billion in savings over the next five years to ensure U.S. warfighters continue to have the resources they need to defend the nation now and into the future.
- The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard would be adversely affected by having to maintain trained and certified aircraft and crews on alert status year-round to meet U.S. Department of Agriculture/ Forest Service (USDAFS) requirements as the nation's primary air tanker fleet.

- There are significant personnel requirements that must be met to achieve these new mission requirements. DoD is currently able to utilize Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel when sourcing National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) requests for Modular Airborne FireFighting System (MAFFS)-equipped C-130 aircraft and crew assistance in a supporting role. All part-time Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel would have to volunteer to perform this new mission. Although volunteerism has not been an issue to date with eight aircraft in a supporting role, these new requirements, including additional aircraft, could place significant stress on the force.
- Although current USDAFS procedures normally call for the use of commercial assets first, for this proposed requirement, military assets would replace commercial assets in this new primary air tanker option.
- This primary, year-round requirement is a significant change from the current USDAFS supporting requirement that DoD be prepared to provide eight certified (MAFFS)-equipped C-130 aircraft and crews to arrive not later than 48 hours after the receipt of a NIFC request for assistance.¹
- USDAFS indicated during IWG discussions that DoD aircraft and crews, as the primary large tanker fleet, would have to arrive at a designated location not later than one hour after the request is received from the NIFC. These aircraft also must be available to meet all North American and some international requirements, such as those in Canada and Mexico. These aircraft must be available to meet this requirement 365 days per year. This is a significant change to DoD's current role of providing domestic support only.
- None of the existing analyses developed by the USDAFS or the Department of the Interior specifically point to the best course of action for national fire fighting fleet recapitalization, including the role of DoD.
- There are other options that are proven as effective wildland fire aerial suppression solutions, such as the use of refurbished surplus military aircraft and use of private sector capabilities. The C-130 J Model aircraft only recently began flying over fires in southern California, and the MAFFS II is also a new fire fighting technology.
- DoD has conducted no analyses in the past ten years concerning the recapitalization of the national firefighting fleet.

¹ Although the explanatory statement does not designate a specific number of new C-130 aircraft for the requirement, USDAFS personnel assigned to the IWG stated that 25 aircraft would be an appropriate figure for discussion.

TAB A

CONFERENCE REPORT LANGUAGE

The explanatory statement by the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, accompanying H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2010, which became Public Law 111-118, requested that the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and the Director of the National Guard Bureau create an Integrated Working Group for the purpose of coordinating the joint use of Federal forest firefighting assets, and submit a report on the joint use of Federal forest firefighting assets. The full text provides:

"The Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of the Air Force Reserve and the Director of the National Guard Bureau, are directed, within 60 days of enactment of this Act, to create an Integrated Working Group (IWG) in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USDAFS) and the Department of the Interior for the purpose of coordinating the joint use of Federal forest firefighting assets, and, within 90 days after formation of the IWG, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees; the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, Subcommittees on Interior; the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, detailing the following:

- 1. The viability of the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve, and the USDAFS to jointly operate a fleet of new C-130s procured for the primary purposes of firefighting duties at the request of the USDAFS, and equipped with the latest proven firefighting technology.
- 2. Any and all prior analyses done in the past ten years by the Department of the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau or the USDAFS concerning the recapitalization of the national firefighting fleet.
- 3. A new business case analysis which examines the cost and operational effectiveness of procurement of new C-130 aircraft and joint cooperation between the Department of the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau and the USDAFS for the firefighting mission as compared to the present approach of utilizing the current fleet of aging firefighting aircraft available via commercial operator contracts.
- 4. Any existing legislative impediments to interagency cooperation and joint operation of a dedicated firefighting fleet by the Department of the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau and the USDAFS.
- 5. An assessment and accounting of public-private property losses as well as taxpayer expenses spent annually fighting forest and wildfires and how such losses can be mitigated by the described joint firefighting business model with respect to the Department of the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau and the USDAFS.

An interim report shall be submitted to Congress not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act detailing the progress made on the final report."

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National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison



FY11 Department of Defense Appropriations

Analysis of H.R. 1473, Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011.

As of 12 April 2011

Bills Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Conference Committee Report	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House					
Senate					

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Executive Summary

This guide provides only a short summary and analysis of the many provisions in the bill. To obtain a complete understanding of any particular provision, users are encouraged to review the actual legislative language. The bill and accompanying report are available on the NGB-LL web page at HTTP://WWW.NG.MIL/LL/

Current Status: On 12 April, the House introduced H.R. 1473, a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense and other departments and agencies for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

The bill is the result of a deal reached between the White House and House and Senate leaders on 8 April, hours before a government shutdown. Overall, the bill includes nearly \$40 billion in spending cuts. Funding for the Department of Defense however, is nearly \$5 billion above FY 2010 levels. Military construction and veterans' programs are also increased by \$3.4 billion compared to FY10.

The House is expected to consider the measure on 13 April.

Key Provisions: Overall, most National Guard accounts are funded above Fiscal Year 2010 levels and do not appear to be disproportionally impacted. Of interest, the bill would provide \$250 million each for the Army and Air National Guard in NGREA funds. The bill would also provide \$455 million in Aircraft Procurement, Army (OCO) funds for AH-64A to D helicopter conversions for the Texas and Mississippi National Guard and \$80 million for a UH-60 Blackhawk program increase for the Army National Guard.

The bill would also provide \$62 million in AF, Procurement for AESA Radar for ANG F-15Cs, and \$303.4 million in Aircraft Procurement, AF (OCO) for a program increase in HH-60M Operational Loss Replacement. The \$303.4 million would add 10 aircraft, not less than four of which are for the Air National Guard.

The Military Construction Appropriations portion provides the requested amount of nearly \$874 million for Army National Guard projects, while the bills provide an additional \$18 million for Air National Guard projects, totaling nearly \$195 million.

The bill would also provide \$50 million for National Guard Counterdrug State Plans.

On the following pages, you will find a detailed analysis of the Fiscal Year 2011 Defense Appropriation bill.

National Guard Accounts Overview

Army National Guard Overview

Army National Guard	FY10 Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Delta from FY11 PB	Senate	Delta from FY11 PB
ARNG Personnel	\$7, 546,905	\$7,624,296	\$7,511,296	-\$113,000		
ARNG Personnel (OCO)	\$824,966	\$828,122	\$853,022	+\$24,900		
ARNG O&M	\$6,189,713	\$6,572,704	\$6,454,624	-\$118,080		
ARNG O&M (OCO)	\$321,646	\$544,349	\$497,849	-\$46,500		
NGREA	\$575,000	\$0	\$250,000	+\$250,000		
MILCON	\$582,056	\$873,664	\$873,664	\$0		

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard Overview

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY10 Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Delta from FY11 PB	Senate	Delta from FY11 PB
ANG Personnel	\$2,938,229	\$3,103,598	\$3,060,098	-\$43,500		
ANG Personnel (OCO)	\$9,500	\$21,060	\$16,860	-\$4,200		
ANG O&M	\$5,882,251	\$5,941,143	\$5,963,839	+\$22,696		
ANG O&M (OCO)	\$289,862	\$350,823	\$402,983	+\$52,160		
NGREA	\$135,000	\$0	\$250,000	+\$250,000		
MILCON	\$371,226	\$176,986	\$194,986	+18,000		

Defense Appropriations



Army National Guard

Army National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ARNG Personnel Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48) ¹	\$2,010,867	\$1,980,867		
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$510,859	\$510,859		
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$71,222	\$71,222		
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$577,600	\$577,600		
SPECIAL TRAINING ²	\$534,954	\$521,954		
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$3,788,954	\$3,788,954		
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$129,840	\$129,840		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$7,624,296	\$7,581,296		
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT ³	\$0	-\$70,000		
TOTAL, ARNG PERSONNEL	\$7,624,296	\$7,511,296		

1) \$30,000 reduction for Unjustified Growth

2) \$13,000 reduction for Recruiter Mandays - Excess to Requirement

3) \$70,000 reduction for Unobligated/Unexpended Balances

Army National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ARNG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$231,547	\$231,547		
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$550,090	\$550,090		
ADMINISTRATOIN AND SUPPORT	\$46,485	\$46,485		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$828,122	\$828,122		
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT, SUPPORT TO SOUTHWEST				
BORDER	\$0	\$24,900		
TOTAL, ARNG PERSONNEL (OCO)	\$828,122	\$853,022		

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance

(All Dollars in Thousands)

	President's			
ARNG O&M Appropriation	Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$807,193	\$807,193		
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$166,473	\$166,474		
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$607,567	\$607,567		
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$249,930	\$249,930		
LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$35,657	\$35,657		
AVIATION ASSETS ¹	\$838,895	\$854,895		
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT ²	\$570,119	\$544,119		
LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	\$121,980	\$121,980		
LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$380,789	\$380,789		
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT ³	\$933,514	\$853,514		
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, & MODERNIZATION ⁴	\$621,843	\$661,843		
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HQ ⁵	\$540,739	\$549,626		
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES	\$0			
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$5,874,699	\$5,833,587		
SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	\$17,771	\$17,771		
ADMINISTRATION ⁶	\$183,781	\$151,463		
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$48,188	\$48,188		
MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	\$8,020	\$8,020		
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$440,245	\$440,245		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$698,005	\$665,687		
UNDISTRIBUTED REDUCTION DUE TO HISTORIC	# 2	AD (150		
UNDEREXECUTION FIVE PERCENT COST SAVINGS FOR INVESTMENT IN ENERGY	\$0	-\$36,650		
AND UTILITIES PROJECTS IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND				
REINVESTMENT ACT	\$0	-\$8,000		
GRAND TOTAL, ARNG O&M	\$6,572,704	\$6,454,624		

1) \$16,000 increase for Aircraft Maintenance Program Increase

2) \$9,000 increase for Distance Learning-Transfer from OCO OM, ARNG SAG 13, and \$35,000 reduction for Realignment of Funding

for the Organizational Clothing and Equipment Enterprise Environment no Properly Accounted for in Budget Documentation.

3) \$80,000 reduction for Unjustified Growth for Information Management Systems

4) \$40,000 ARNG Program increase

5) \$8,888 increase for Transfer from Defense Health Program for Psychological Health, State Directors for the National Guard 6) \$32,318 reduction for Pay and Benefits Mismatch Between Op-5 and Op-32

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard O&M (OCO) Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES*	\$544,349	\$497,849		
TOTAL ARNG 0&M (OCO)	\$544,349	\$497,849		

*\$9,000 reduction for Distance Learning, Transfer to Baseline OM,ARNG SAG 121, \$44,000 reduction for Air OPTEMPO Duplicate Request, and \$6,500 increase for Support to Southwest Border.



Air National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard Personnel Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48) ¹	\$939,636	\$931,636		
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$99,839	\$99,839		
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$298	\$298		
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$209,944	\$209,944		
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$131,226	\$131,226		
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT ²	\$1,692,112	\$1,682,112		
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$30,543	\$30,543		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$3,103,598	\$3,085,598		
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT ³	\$0	-\$25,500		
TOTAL ANG PERSONNEL	\$3,103,598	\$3,060,098		

1) \$8,000 reduction for Inactive Duty Training – Unjustified Growth

2) \$10,000 reduction for Bonuses – Unjustified Requirement

3) \$25,500 reduction for Unobligated/Unexpended Balances (\$17,500) and Lower than Budgeted Pay Grade Mix (\$8,000)

Air National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
SPECIAL TRAINING ¹	\$21,060	\$11,060		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$21,060	\$11,060		
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT, SUPPORT TO SOUTHWEST				
BORDER	\$0	\$5,800		
TOTAL ANG PERSONNEL (OCO)	\$21,060	\$16,860		

1) \$10,000 reduction for Excess to Need

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance

(All Dollars	in	Thousands)
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Air National Guard O&M Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ¹	\$3,519,452	\$3,525,525		
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$762,937	\$762,937		
DEPOT MAINTENANCE ²	\$598,779	\$605,602		
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION ³	\$315,210	\$355,210		
BASE SUPPORT	\$668,176	\$668,176		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$5,864,554	\$5,917,450		
ADMINISTRATION	\$41,930	\$41,930		
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$34,659	\$34,659		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$76,589	\$76,589		
UNDISTRIBUTED REDUCTION DUE TO HISTORIC				
UNDEREXECUTION	\$0	-\$30,200		
TOTAL, ANG O&M	\$5,941,143	\$5,963,839		

1) \$2,017 increase for Air Force Requested Transfer from OM,AFR for C-130s and \$4,056 increase for Air Force Requested Transfer from OM,AF for C-130s

2) \$6,823 increase for Air Force Requested Transfer from OM,AF for C-130s

3) \$40,000 Air National Guard Program Increase

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard O&M (OCO) Appropriation	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	\$152,896	\$152,896		
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS ¹	\$57,800	\$59,400		
DEPOT MAINTENANCE ²	\$140,127	\$190,687		
TOTAL ANG O&M (OCO)	\$350,823	\$402,983		

1) \$1,600 increase for Support to Southwest Border

2) \$50,560 increase for Weapons System Sustainment

National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account

(All Dollars in Thousands)

	President's Budget Request	House	Senate	Conference
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	\$0	\$250,000		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD	\$0	\$250,000		

<u>NGREA Reporting Requirement</u> – The Chiefs of National Guard and Reserve components shall, not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act, individually submit to the congressional defense committees the modernization priority assessment for their respective National Guard or Reserve component.

Joint Programs

STARBASE – The bill would provide \$8 million in Defense Wide O&M for the STARBASE Youth Program.

<u>Counter-Drug</u> – The bill would provide an additional \$50 million for National Guard Counter-Drug Program State Plans.

<u>Yellow Ribbon</u> – The bill would provide an additional \$16 million in Defense Wide, O&M (OCO) for outreach and reintegration services under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

Other National Guard Provisions

Firefighting Aviation Assets - Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, the Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and the Director of the National Guard Bureau, in collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, the House Committee on Agriculture, the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources a report of firefighting aviation assets. The report required under this section shall include each of the following:

 A description of the programming details necessary to obtain an appropriate mix of fixed wing and rotor wing firefighting assets needed to produce an effective aviation resource base to support the wildland fire management program into the future. Such programming details shall include the acquisition and contracting needs of the mix of aviation resources fleet, including the acquisition of up to 24 C–130Js equipped with the Mobile Airborne Fire Fighting System II (in this section referred to as "MAFFS"), to be acquired over several fiscal years starting in fiscal year 2012.
 The costs associated with acquisition and contracting of the aviation assets described in paragraph (1).

(3) A description of the costs of the operation, maintenance, and sustainment of a fixed and rotor wing aviation fleet, including a C–130J/MAFFS II in an Air National Guard tactical airlift unit construct of 4, 6, or 8 C–130Js per unit starting in fiscal year 2012, projected out through fiscal year 2020. Such description shall include the projected costs associated with each of the following through fiscal year 2020:

(A) Crew ratio based on 4, 6, or 8 C–130J Air National Guard unit construct and requirement for full-time equivalent crews.

(B) Associated maintenance and other support personnel and requirement for full-time equivalent positions.

(C) Yearly flying hour model and the cost for use of a fixed and rotor wing aviation fleet, including C–130J in its MAFFS capacity supporting the United States Forest Service.
(D) Yearly flying hour model and cost for use of a C–130J in its capacity supporting Air National Guard tactical airlift training.

(E) Any other costs required to conduct both the airlift and firefighting missions, including the Air National Guard unit construct for C–130Js.

(4) Proposed program management, utilization, and cost share arrangements for the aircraft described in paragraph (1) for primary support of the Forest Service and secondary support, on an as available basis, for the Department of Defense, together with any proposed statutory language needed to authorize and effectuate the same.

(5) An integrated plan for the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior wildland fire management programs to operate the fire fighting air tanker assets referred to in this section. **(House Sec. 8116)**