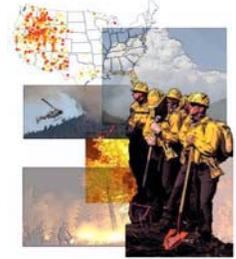


# National Fire Plan

## Fire Prevention and Biomass Utilization

### Arkansas 2002



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The Southern Region is bridging and broadening relationships with citizens and community leaders daily. In Arkansas, community work takes many forms including:

- €# In Johnson County, Clarkesville, Arkansas, the *Fire Protection through Education Program* is developing and implementing a strategic plan that will expedite restoration efforts from wildfires occurring in 2000. Plans are underway to develop and implement training that will address the enhancement of fire safety for area citizens and protect high-risk urban communities from future damage. Eighty-two thousand dollars was provided for this effort.
  
- €# The *Forest Biomass Utilization Study* is underway. The intent of the study is to improve the economic viability of the forest products industries by reducing fuel costs and residue management cost for secondary wood manufacturers; realizing the environmental benefits of displacing fossil fuels with wood waste; and reducing the risk of forest fires caused by biomass in the forest, created as a result of recent ice storms. The study explores the combined utilization of forest biomass and wood waste created by secondary wood processors.