

USDA Forest Service National Aerial Imagery Status Report

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Forest Service National Aerial Photography Program

- Funded as Information Asset by the Information Resources Board (IRB)
- Annual Funding \$1,650,000 through FY 2009
- Requesting \$2,000,000/year starting in FY 2010
- Partnership with National Agriculture Imagery Program
- Contracts for National Forests in Alaska
- Completed 5-year cycle for CONUS and Alaska in FY 2007

Forest Service Response to IFTN Survey

- 107 Respondents
- Resolution (Not Useful, Acceptable, Ideal)
 - 1 meter: 0, 37.8% 62.2%
 - ½ meter: 4.3% 32.3% 63.4%
 - 1 foot: 14.3% 38.5% 47.3%
 - 6 inch: 29.8% 36.9% 33,3%
 - 3 inch: 38.6% 28.9% 32.5%
- Repeat cycle
 - 5 years: 8.5% 48.9% 42.6%
 - 3 years: 4.4% 56.7% 38.9%
 - 2 years: 5.7% 37.9% 56.3%
 - 1 year: 10.3% 26.4% 63.2%

Forest Service Resource Photography - 2008

2008 Anticipated Projects



FY 2008 - \$670,869

Compare to
previous
average of
\$1,250,000 -
\$1,500,000

California – 10-year
cycle (was 5-year)

Pacific NW – NAIP
buyups to higher
resolution

Future Funding Outlook

- Forest Service funding for fire suppression is based on the current ten-year average of fire expenditures, adjusted for inflation.
- The rising cost of fires means the ten-year average is rising dramatically. The funds to cover this ten-year average must be identified within the total funding available to the agency when it makes its annual budget request. To meet firefighting funding needs, all other Forest Service activities have experienced a steady decline in funding.
- These rising costs have resulted in a 35% reduction in funding for non-fire programs and USFS staffing has been reduced by 5,900 positions from 1991 levels
- The proportion of the USFS budget devoted to fire increased steadily from 13% of the total budget in 1991 to 48% in the FY2009 President's request.

FY 2009 President's Budget

- Overall a 9% decrease from FY 2008
- Fire Suppression – increase of \$148,327,000 (18% increase)
- All other programs – decrease of \$394,140,000
 - National Forest System - \$103,862,000
 - Inventory & Monitoring - \$20,118,000
 - NFIM – 12% decrease from FY 2008