

Bureau of Land Management Wyoming

Rural Fire Readiness



Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming is participating in the Rural Fire Readiness (RFR) program. RFR authority consists of two separate programs. The Equipment Transfer program is intended to provide a streamlined process for BLM to transfer no longer needed firefighting equipment to local cooperators in strategic areas that benefit BLM's wildland fire mission. The Local Cooperator Assistance (LCA) program, provides funding to BLM States and local units to conduct wildland fire training, establishes cooperative fire response agreements, and builds relationships with local cooperators. Overall these two programs comprise the Rural Fire Readiness authority with both programs providing assistance that increases the capability and capacity of local cooperators, while increasing the safety and effectiveness of the collaborative wildland fire response.

Eligibility Criteria

A local cooperator must meet ALL of the requirements below to be considered for BLM RFR equipment transfers.

- The local cooperator has an existing cooperative fire response agreement with BLM. The agreement can either be directly with a BLM unit or through a statewide master agreement.
- The local cooperator continues to be in compliance with the cooperative fire response agreement, to include the following elements (*Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations, ch.2 Agreements with Cooperators*):
 - 18 years of age or older
 - Have basic wildland fire training
 - Have and use the required personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - Pre-identified incident communication protocols
 - Utilization of the Incident Command System
- The cooperator serves a rural community, has wildland fire responsibilities, and is in the vicinity of or within the wildland urban interface. Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs) automatically meet this requirement because they serve a rural geographic area within their response boundary.
- The local cooperator must be in close proximity to BLM administered lands and respond to wildland fires in support of BLM when available and as needed.
- The local cooperator's response to wildland incidents provides a benefit to BLM.

Transferable Items

The following categories of items are allowable for the RFR equipment transfer program:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and basic gear (e.g., gloves, hardhats, wildland Nomex shirts and pants or coveralls, eye and ear protection, fireline packs, canteens, headlamps and fuses)
- New generation fire shelters and cases (training shelters are also allowable);

- Communications equipment (Wildland fire approved handheld radios, mobile units for ground vehicles.)
- Basic tools and equipment: hand tools, hose, water handling equipment, fittings and accessories;
- Wildland firefighting equipment acquired from BLM through the “Direct Transfer” authority (wildland fire engines, water tenders and dozers);

It is a priority for local cooperators to have adequate PPE and communications equipment prior to being awarded other types of firefighting equipment.

A list of available fire apparatus from BLM Wyoming will be produced each year. When applying for the program please identify what apparatus or equipment your department would like to apply for. Some fire apparatus are available for direct transfer others may have some buy out cost. Buy out cost will be listed along with the available apparatus. This buy out cost is based on the remaining life cycle cost to replace the apparatus.

Applications will be accepted at blm_wy_fire@blm.gov or hard copies can be mailed to:
 BLM Wyoming Fire
 5353 Yellowstone Road
 Cheyenne, WY 82009

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of fire staff at the State Office as well as at the National Office of Fire and Aviation.

Applications, questions or requests for additional information can be sent to blm_wy_fire@blm.gov

The application process will be open from December 1, 2024 – March 1, 2025

BLM Wyoming RFR web page can be found at:
<https://www.blm.gov/site-page/programs-public-safety-and-fire-fire-and-aviation-regional-information-wyoming-rural-fire>

District	Year	Make/Model	Equipment Type	Engine Hours (estimate)	Engine Miles (estimate)
WY-WBD	2011	Ford F-550	Type 6	3,700	95,000
WY-WBD	2016	Ford F-550	Type 6	4,400	102,000

BLM Wyoming Rural Fire Readiness Direct Transfer Request

Please fill out all the fields on all three pages excluding the agency only columns

Local Cooperator Information

Local cooperator name:	Date submitted:
Organization mailing address:	
Organization contact person:	Phone number:
Local BLM District you work with:	
Who is your BLM contact representative:	Phone number:

Rural Fire Readiness Information

Do you have a cooperative fire response agreement with BLM?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
If you answered yes, is the agreement directly with BLM or is it part of a statewide agreement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Directly	<input type="checkbox"/> Statewide		
Do you feel that your organization is in compliance with the agreement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
How many active members (respond to wildland fires) does your organization have?				
Average annual number of wildland fire responses?				
Average annual number of wildland fire responses on BLM administered lands?				
Does your fire organization protect areas of wildland urban interface?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
How often does your organization participate in training with BLM?	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Every other year	<input type="checkbox"/> Less frequent	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
Does your organization have wildland fire Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all active members?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Do all your active organizational members have wildland fire training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Does your organization have adequate communication devices that are interoperable with BLM?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Has your organization requested funding this year from other sources (e.g., FEMA, State, VFA, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		
Has your organization received funding in the past year from other sources for items similar to your request?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		

Requested Equipment for Direct Transfer

Category	Amount Requested (from p. 2)	Cost Amount Approved (agency use)
Safety equipment	\$	
Communications equipment	\$	
Wildland firefighting tools/supplies	\$	
Wildland firefighting apparatus	\$ (estimated buyout costs)	
Other	\$	
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED: \$

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BLM State Office SFMO signature:	Review date:
BLM Fire & Aviation Directorate FA300 Cooperator Coordinator:	Review date:

Total funding approved by FAD:	
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Safety Equipment Request

Item	Quantity
Total for this category	

Communications Equipment Request

Item	Quantity
Total for this category	

Wildland Firefighting Tools and Supplies

Item	Quantity
Total for this category	

Wildland Fire Apparatus (See current availability list)

Item	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total Cost
Total cost for this category			

Other

Item	Quantity
Total for this category	

Narrative

Please provide a brief (less than one page) description of how the items your organization is requesting will increase the safety and effectiveness of your wildland fire response with BLM and other fire units. If you are requesting firefighting apparatus (e.g., engines, dozers, implements, slip-on units, etc.) please describe how these resources will provide a strategic benefit to both your organization and the BLM.