

Abstract- The Joint Fire Science Program's Role in Eastern Wildland Fire and Fuels Science

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The Joint Fire Science Program (JFSP) was authorized and funded by Congress in 1998. The program is a partnership of six federal wildland management and research agencies including the USDA Forest Service and five bureaus in the Department of the Interior: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Geological Survey. An appointed 10-member governing board representing the six partner agencies provides program oversight and management. Since its inception, the JFSP has issued 17 announcements for proposals, received nearly 950 proposals, and funded about 270 projects.

Scientists have worked on more than 65 JFSP-funded projects that have sought answers to the myriad of fire and fuels questions being asked by eastern managers. Although much has been learned, substantial knowledge gaps still exist. The JFSP welcomes new research proposals that focus on fire and fuels issues of importance to eastern managers and scientists.

This poster presentation will highlight the wide array of JFSP project research that has been supported over the past 7 years. JFSP Program Office staff will be available to discuss the JFSP program and research proposal strategy.