

Work Task E18: Law Enforcement and Fire Suppression

FY08 Estimates	FY08 Actual	Cumulative Accomplishment Through FY08	FY09 Approved Estimate	FY10 Proposed Estimate	FY11 Proposed Estimate	FY12 Proposed Estimate
\$25,000	\$25,218.68	\$27,594.68	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$325,000	\$325,000

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Start Date: FY06

Expected Duration: FY55

Long-term Goal: Created habitat protection.

Conservation Measures: CMM1 (CLRA, WIFL, WRBA, WYBA, CRCR, YHCR, LEBI, BLRA, YBCU, ELOW, GIFL, GIWO, VEFL, BEVI, YWAR, SUTA, MNSW, CLNB, PTBB)

Location: Reaches 1-7.

Purpose: Provide law enforcement and fire suppression in support of habitat created under the LCR MSCP.

Connections with Other Work Tasks (past and future): Law enforcement and fire suppression are anticipated to be integral management components for all habitats created through Section E work tasks.

Project Description: Fund law enforcement and fire protection for created habitat. It is assumed that BLM, USFWS, AGFD, CDFG, NDOW, and other agencies will conduct law enforcement and fire fighting activities on the river. The LCR MSCP will provide funding to agencies to cover additional LCR MSCP lands. Law enforcement and fire suppression strategies are being developed at the program level and for each conservation area.

Previous Activities: Reclamation has initiated discussions with various agencies to allow for the preparation and implementation of site specific law enforcement and fire suppression strategies.

FY08 Accomplishments: Throughout FY08 Reclamation staff met with all conservation area land owners and associated law enforcement and fire suppression personnel. Depending on which state the conservation area is located in and the land owner, law enforcement agencies and fire personnel vary. Fire management agencies along the river use Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements, which allow multiple fire agencies to respond to the same event when severe wildland fire occurs. Law enforcement agencies are regulated to jurisdictional boundaries within state or federal lands.

FY09 Activities: Activities include the solicitation and award of the LCR MSCP Law Enforcement and Fire Management contract. The contract scope is two fold. First, a comprehensive LCR MSCP law and fire management strategy will be created: the comprehensive document will outline wildland fire techniques, proactive measures, rehabilitation techniques, and identify all law and fire agencies working throughout the Lower Colorado River. Second, LCR MSCP Conservation Area Specific Law and Fire Strategies will be composed. These documents will be created with the help of the conservation area land managers and the existing law enforcement and fire personnel. Each conservation area's specific law and fire strategy will be consistent with the existing law enforcement regulations and fire management practices on-site.

Proposed FY10 Activities: FY10 activities include Federal, State, or Tribal law and fire personnel becoming actively engaged on the conservation areas. Wardens and officers will be utilized to enforce trespassing, vandalism, hunting and fire restrictions. Federal grants providing resources to the fire management and law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of LCR MSCP conservation areas will be necessary.

Pertinent Reports: N/A