

**Interagency Severity Funding Request  
(Fund 92500, Program 92350)**

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A request for severity funding should be made at a minimum of 5 days in advance of the proposed need. Severity is based on abnormal and prolonged conditions relevant to high fire danger. Therefore, monitoring of such conditions prior to their occurrence is critical to a timely and efficient response.

The declaration of need for severity should include involvement at the geographic area coordination center (GACC), Zone, and local levels. The declaration must identify the additional needs beyond the GACC, Zone and local levels of support. The request must be submitted 5 days in advance of the expected need.

The authorization to use Emergency Operations funds for severity preparedness purposes is controlled by individual severity request and their corresponding severity cost code. A request must be submitted in the following format from the Agency/Tribe through their respective Region to BIA-NIFC office. Upon approval, a FireCode number will be assigned and funding established.

Severity funding may be used to: temporarily increase or extend seasonal firefighting staff and resources; provide for extended use of aircraft or additional aircraft and resources; and increased fire prevention activities. Severity is not intended to provide a method to restore lost funding or to raise funding levels to those identified in the FPA and it will not be used to lapse regular fire preparedness funding.

Severity funding will not be used to hire local emergency firefighters (EFFs) under the Administratively Determined (AD) hire program for local situations for extended periods. Agencies should use short term severity to hire EFFs and other resources for the immediate time of the emergency and release them when not needed. Typically the duration of hire is less than a week when not directly

committed to a going fire. A fire report must document in WFMI when using of AD hire to meet the emergency situation.

## II. Qualification of Need:

To adequately quantify the need for severity funding, at least one of the below should demonstrate that fuel and weather conditions exceed those used in the fire management plan and therefore, the planned workload. Severity funds and project approval will be identified by a special FireCode number. All FireCode numbers will be identified, authorized and executed by BIA-NIFC. Short term severity FireCode numbers are be monitored and use approved by each respective Regional office. All requests for special projects must be evaluated and approved by the respective Regional Office and forwarded to BIA-NIFC for approval and execution. All costs associated with a severity request must include the severity FireCode when procuring and/or encoding to the Federal Financial System (FFS).

Fire danger models, fire danger analysis software (FireFamily Plus) that graphically contrasts the current seasonal trend for ERC and/or BIA with all-time worst and historical average ERC and/or BI, based on an analysis of year-round data.

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## IV. REQUESTED RESOURCES

Resources should be requested by type, quantity and cost. The severity cost estimation worksheet should be used in developing the cost for the resources requested.

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Agency/Tribe \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration \_\_\_\_\_

Item Requested	Quantity Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
TOTAL REQUESTED DOLLARS			

**V. SIGNATURE PAGE:**

PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Fire Management Officer

RECOMMENDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Fire Management Officer

CONCURRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director, Branch of Fire Management

SEVERITY COST CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(assigned by BIA-NIFC):



Cost Estimation Worksheet

Engines	Resource Quantity	Days Requested	Estimated Base Labor Cost	Estimated OT Labor Cost	Estimated Total Per diem	Estimated Total Transportation Cost	Estimated Total Resource	Cost Per Resource	Total Cost
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>Waterenders</b>									
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>Aviation</b>									
Helicopter	Daily/Hourly Availability Cost	Days Requested							Total Cost
	\$0.00	0						#DIV/0!	\$0.00
		Estimated Flight Time to Unit (Hours)							Ferry Cost
Helicopter Transportation Time	\$0.00	0							\$0.00
	Number on Flight Crew					Estimated Relief Crew Transportation Cost	Cost Per Resource		
Pilot/Crew Per diem	0	0			Estimated Total Per diem	\$0.00	\$0.00		Per Diem Cost
									\$0.00
<b>Sub Total Aviation</b>									<b>\$0.00</b>
Logistics, Supplies and Fuel Total Request									#NAME?
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Watertenders	Resource Quantity	Days Requested	Estimated Base Labor Cost	Estimated OT Labor Cost	Estimated Total Transportation Cost	Estimated Total Transportation Cost	Cost Per Resource	Cost Per Resource Per Day	Total Cost
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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<b>Sub Total Aviation</b>									<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Request For Ordered, Local, Engines, Watertenders and Aviation</b>									
Logistics, Supplies and Fuel									\$0
<b>Total Request</b>									<b>#NAME?</b>
									<b>#NAME?</b>

**BIA FireCode Activity Matrix**

Description of Activity	Responsibility For Generating A FireCode			
	BIA Host Unit	Host Federal Agency	First Federal Agency to Respond	BIA-NIFC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fires occurring on BIA Trust lands (BIA/Tribal unit is the host unit). (92310)</li> </ul>	X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fires occurring on BIA Trust lands in which BIA/Tribal resources are sent from other BIA/Tribal units in support of the incident (BIA/Tribal unit is the host unit). (92310)</li> </ul>	X			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fires occurring on other Federal lands in which the BIA/Tribe responds in an interagency effort or support action (another Federal agency is the host unit). (92310)</li> </ul>		X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fires occurring on State lands in which the BIA/Tribe responds in an interagency effort or support action (State agency is the host unit). (92310)</li> </ul>			X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FireCode will be used by all BIA units to charge obligations related to EFF training (1 FireCode Nationally). (92310)</li> </ul>				X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.FireCode will be used by BIA to identify all cost related to approved wildfire severity actions. (92350)</li> </ul>				X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FireCode will be used by BIA units to identify all costs related to approved BAR actions. (92320).</li> </ul>				X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FireCode will be used by all BIA units to identify all costs related to approved rehabilitation actions. (92B20)</li> </ul>				X