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Fire, National Fire Plan Funding for Fuels Reduction

WHEREAS: The National Fire Plan is a plan to respond to severe wildland fires, reduce their impacts on rural communities, and assure sufficient firefighting capacity in the future; and

WHEREAS: The plan called for actions that federal agencies, in cooperation with states and local communities, can take to reduce immediate hazards to communities in the urban-wildland interface areas and to ensure that sufficient resources are available and those resources are ready to be deployed for extreme fire conditions in the future; and

WHEREAS: One of the key points of the plan is hazardous fuels reduction, which involves investing in projects to reduce forest fire risk; and

WHEREAS: \$3.6 million has been appropriated for 2002 for the Fuels Reduction Program, the Fuels Incentive Program, the Wildland-Urban Interface Conservation and Education Program and the Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS: There is concern that in the future the route for funding may be diverted or that restrictions may be placed on those funds by the United States Forest Service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 encourages the United States Department of Agriculture to continue funding the Fuels Reduction Program, the Fuels Incentive Program, the Wildland-Urban Interface Conservation and Education Program and the Mitigation Program through the State and Private Branch of the United States Forest Service to the Colorado State Forest Service.

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