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## **Resolution 2017-2 ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET**

**WHEREAS;** The Western States Sheriffs' Association represents Sheriffs from 16 Western States; and

**WHEREAS;** The Western States Sheriffs' Association is concerned with the level of appropriated funds for the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service's management of our public lands under the purview of the Department of Interior and Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS;** There is a disparity between the amount of funds allocated for fire management and suppression as compared to resource management; and

**WHEREAS;** Proper resource management has the greatest potential of reducing future catastrophic wildfires thereby reducing the need for future suppression resources; and

**WHEREAS;** Proper resource management has the greatest potential of providing improved economic impact in the Western United States; and

**WHEREAS;** Appropriate resource management is severely impacted due to the lack of road maintenance on our public lands:

**THEREFORE:** The Western States Sheriffs' Association calls on Congress to increase resource management annual allocations to the Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service;

**FURTHERMORE;** Fire management funding should be capped at 40% of the total Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service budget; and

**FURTHERMORE;** A separate fire suppression fund must be established to combat wildfires annually for both the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture; and

**FURTHERMORE;** Funds from the fire management and resource management cannot be used to supplement the fire suppression fund;

**FURTHERMORE;** Additional funds must be included for repair and maintenance of roads on public lands.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Western States Sheriffs' Association believes that these measures will provide the best opportunity for sustainable forest health and the most positive economic impact in our member states.

**Hereby resolved this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 at the annual conference of the Western States Sheriffs' Association.**

**Sheriff Danny Glick, President  
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