

Federal wildfire suppression costs



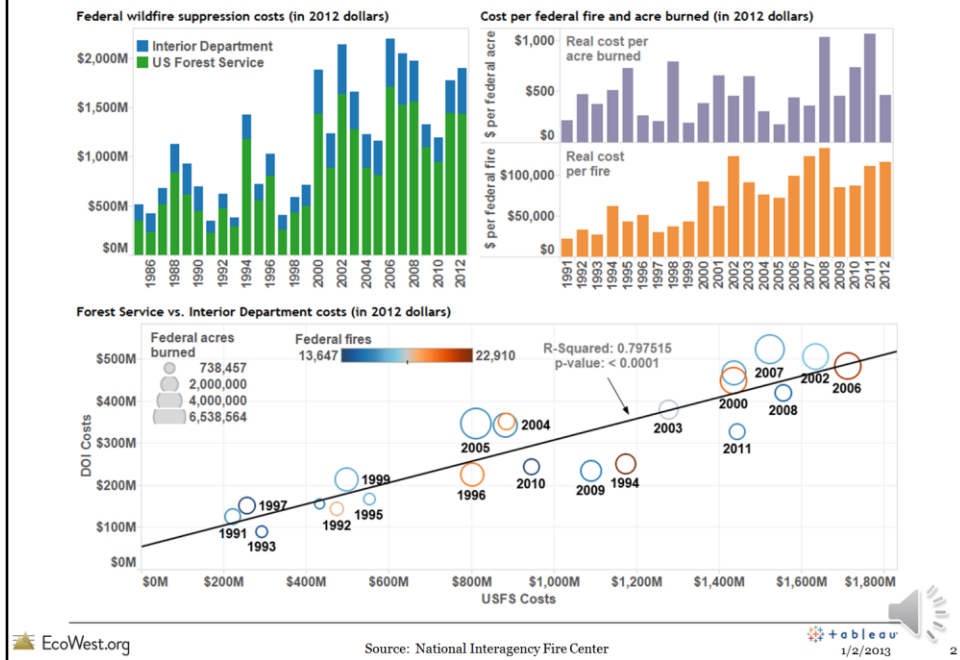
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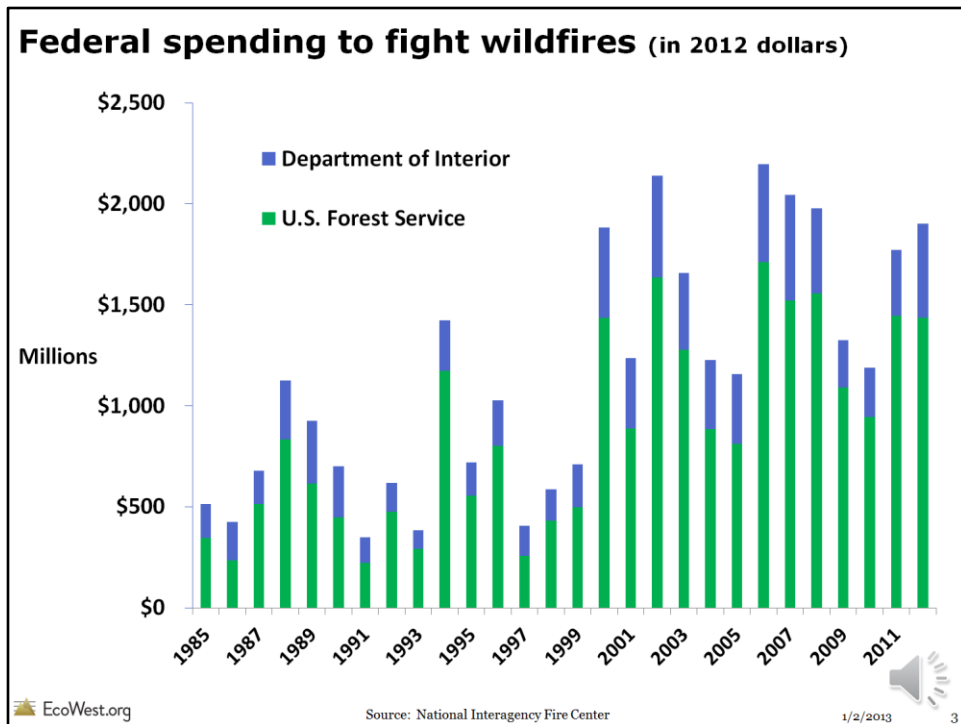
In this EcoWest presentation, we discuss rising federal spending on wildfires.

Federal spending to fight wildfires is increasing



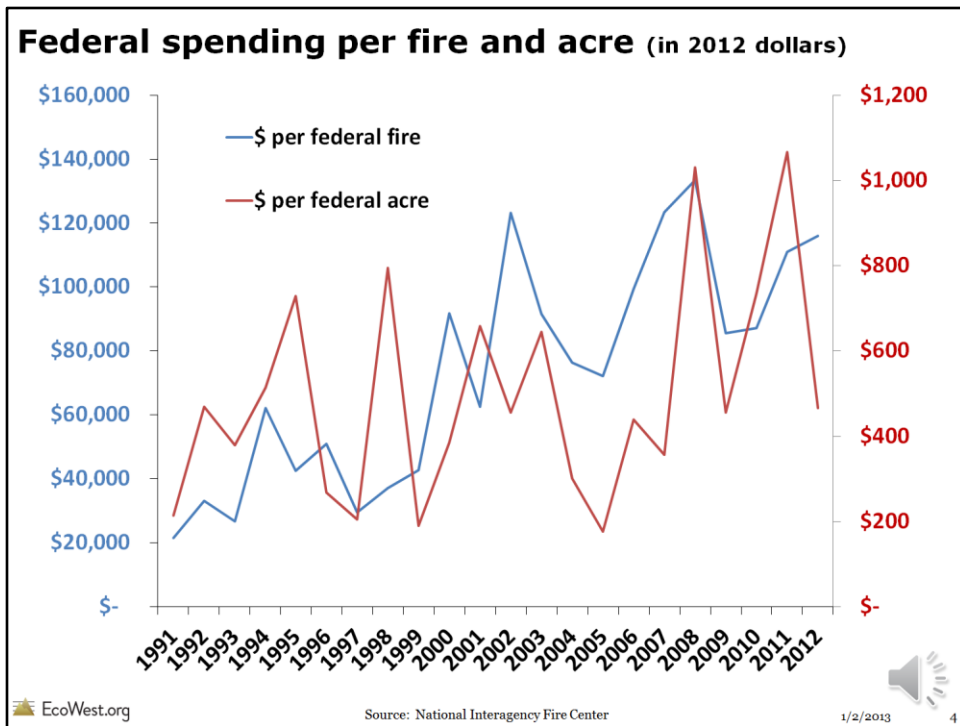
Narrative: Data from the National Interagency Fire Center show that the government’s tab for wildfire suppression varies considerably from year to year, but the inflation-adjusted total has generally been rising. Suppression costs per federal wildfire and acre burned are also increasing. Spending by the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior agencies tend to move together.

Source: National Interagency Fire Center
 URL: http://www.nifc.gov/fireInfo/fireInfo_documents/SuppCosts.pdf
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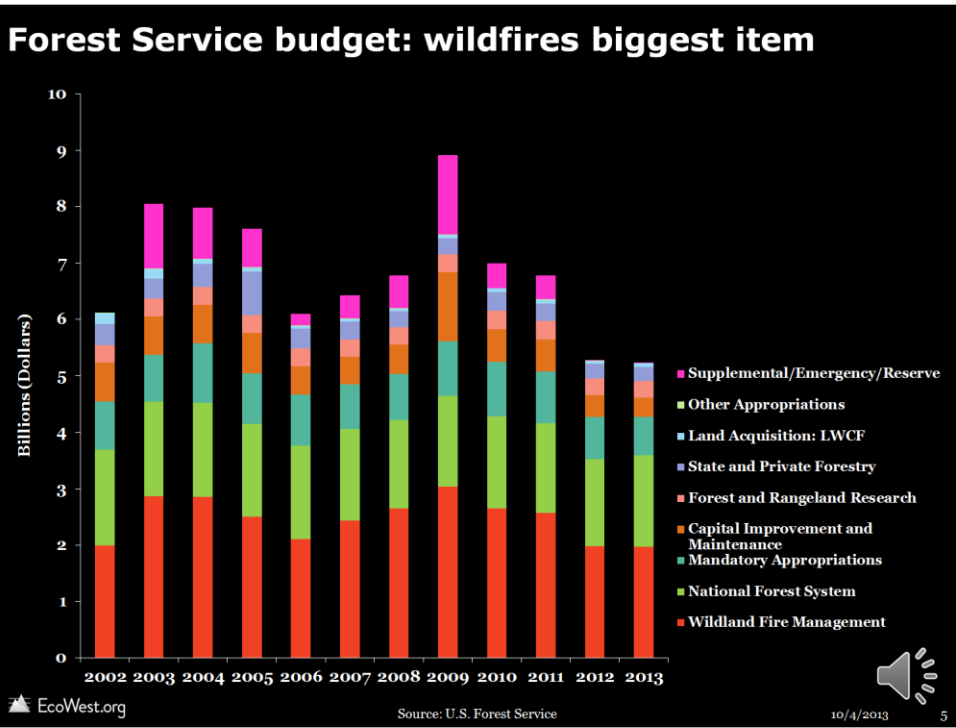
Narrative: The U.S. Forest Service accounts for the bulk of federal spending on wildfire suppression. Agencies in the Department of Interior include the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management.

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Narrative: Inflation-adjusted costs are also increasing per federal wildfire and acre burned.

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Narrative: Here’s how the Forest Service spent its money over the past 10 years. The red bar is for wildland fire management, but sometimes bad fire years have forced the agency to rely on supplemental and emergency appropriations from Congress, shown in pink.

Source: US Forest Service
 URL: <http://www.fs.fed.us/aboutus/budget/>

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