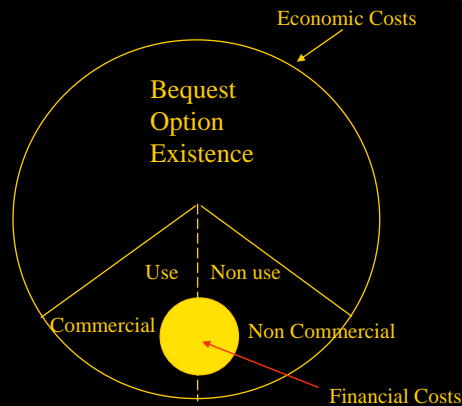


# Economic Impact of Wildland Fires

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- Context Cont.
  - Area affected (million hectares)
    - Portugal (2003): 0.45
    - Russia (2003): 23.7
    - Australia (2003): 60
    - Worldwide (annually): 350!

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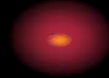


- Context Cont.
  - Expenditures (\$US)
    - Canada: \$400 - \$800 million annually
    - Mexico & Central America: Not exact figures but over \$21 million in equipment alone
    - Argentina, Bolivia & Brazil (90s): \$1.6 billion
    - Europe: \$500

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- Context Cont.
  - Expenditures (\$US)
    - Indonesia, Malaysia, & Singapore (1997): 4.5 billion

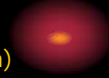


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Area affected and suppression expenditures for US Federal Agencies with fire protection responsibilities: 1995-2004

Year	Area Affected (Million Hectares)	Suppression Exp. (Current \$ million)
2004	2.75	0.890
2003	1.99	1.326
2002	2.81	1.661
2001	1.45	0.918
2000	3.41	1.362
1999	2.29	0.523
1998	0.94	0.329
1997	1.33	0.256
1996	2.71	0.679
1995	0.94	0.340
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.62</b>	<b>8.284</b>



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Area affected and suppression expenditures for CDF 1995-2004

Year	Area Affected (Thousand Hectares)	Suppression Exp. (Current \$ million)
2004	68.07	252.3
2003	163.70	135.0
2002	49.72	162.8
2001	36.84	124.0
2000	29.44	178.5
1999	115.49	43.8
1998	37.43	47.7
1997	23.40	107.0
1996	94.18	60.4
1995	49.07	69.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>667.34</b>	<b>1,181.4</b>

# Economic Impact of Wildland Fires

Area affected, suppression expenditures, and damage assessment for CDF 1995-2004

Year	Area Affected (K Hectares)	Suppression Exp. (Current \$ million)	Damage	Total
2004	68.07	252.3	126.8	379.1
2003	163.70	135.0	974.2	1109.2
2002	49.72	162.8	174.0	336.8
2001	36.84	124.0	87.3	211.3
2000	29.44	178.5	29.9	208.4
1999	115.49	43.8	134.3	178.1
1998	37.43	47.7	27.4	75.1
1997	23.40	107.0	81.9	188.9
1996	94.18	60.4	100.3	160.7
1995	49.07	69.9	32.5	102.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>667.34</b>	<b>1,181.4</b>	<b>1,768.6</b>	<b>2,950.0</b>

# Economic Impact of Wildland Fires



Suppression expenditures and damage assessment for CDF 1995-2004

Year	Suppression Exp. (----- Current \$ million -----)	Damage (----- Current \$ million -----)	Total
2004	252.3	126.8	379.1
2003	135.0	974.2	1109.2
2002	162.8	174.0	336.8
2001	124.0	87.3	211.3
2000	178.5	29.9	208.4
1999	43.8	134.3	178.1
1998	47.7	27.4	75.1
1997	107.0	81.9	188.9
1996	60.4	100.3	160.7
1995	69.9	32.5	102.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,181.4</b>	<b>1,768.6</b>	<b>2,950.0</b>

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Suppression expenditures plus damage assessment by CDF and suppression expenses for FS and BLM in CA for 1995-2004

Year	Supp. Exp. + Damage (----- Current \$ million -----)	FS & BLM (----- Current \$ million -----)	Total
2004	379.1	228.5	607.6
2003	1109.2	174.3	1283.5
2002	336.8	288.7	625.5
2001	211.3	249.7	461.0
2000	208.4	251.9	460.3
1999	178.1	166.0	344.1
1998	75.1	6.1*	81.2
1997	188.9	90.7	279.6
1996	160.7	142.9	303.6
1995	102.4	54.7	157.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,950.0</b>	<b>1,653.5</b>	<b>4603.5</b>

\* BLM only; there were problems with FS information for this year, therefore, 5-year average is undervalued.

# Economic Impact of Wildland Fires



## Closing Remarks

- Wildland fires will not go away
- Wildland-Urban Interface is a major contributor to the problem
- Need a better accounting system to include all costs
- Need to make households aware of their responsibilities

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## Closing Remarks Cont.

- Fire exclusion is not the solution
- Reintroduction of fire in ecosystem
- Keep urban development away from forest lands

