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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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BILL  
SHORT TITLE Middle Rio Grande Wildfire Prevention NUMBER Senate Bill 332  
ANALYST Davidson

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$5,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

#### Agency Analysis Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

#### Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From

Department of Finance Administration (DFA)

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 332

Senate Bill 332 (SB332) appropriates \$5 million from the general fund to Department of Finance Administration's (DFA) Local Government Division for the purpose of funding wildfire prevention and watershed restoration efforts in the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY31 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Most wildfire prevention efforts, such as the ones outlined in SB332, are conducted by the state's Forestry Division within the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD). State Forestry has a history of entering into memorandums with entities such as the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD) to perform watershed restoration treatments. Further, State Forestry also acts as technical specialists for MRGCD and provides assistance regarding recommended best practices for wildfire prevention implementation.

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