

Interagency Wildfire and All-Hazard Support

Ensuring Adequate Resources for Response

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Description: Federal and State fire agencies play a key role in coordination and response to wildfires and, increasingly, to other natural disasters. The Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry (NA S&PF) supports national wildfire and all-hazard response by developing partnerships and agreements among State cooperators.

NA S&PF manages Cooperative Fire and All-Hazard Agreements with all 20 Northeast and Midwest States. It also facilitates State training and prequalification for emergency firefighters. In addition, NA S&PF actively supports the Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) and the working teams chartered under that organization. The EACG is made up of representatives from the Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact, Big Rivers Forest Fire Compact, Mid-Atlantic Forest Fire Compact, Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Compact, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Forest Service.

Key Issues:

Ensuring that an adequate number of well-trained firefighters and other resources are available to respond to wildfires and other hazards by

- developing and maintaining cooperative Fire and All-Hazard Agreements with States.
- providing State fire training programs for qualified emergency firefighters.
- offering incident management training for wildfire and all-hazard response.

Accomplishments:

- Of the 20 State agreements, 18 include enabling authorities for States to assist the U.S. Forest Service during natural or human-caused disasters, as defined under the Robert T. Stafford Act.
- More than 700 emergency firefighters were trained, certified, and prequalified to be hired in 2012.
- Northeast and Midwest States contributed more than 3,000 State or emergency firefighters to support the agency's response to wildland fire and all-hazard incidents in Fiscal Year 2012.
- The Eastern Area Type-2 Incident Management Team (National and State Level), the capstone of the EACG's working teams, responded to and managed five separate incidents in FY 2012, including wildland fires and hurricanes in the Northeast and Midwest.

Future Direction:

The Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry will continue to

- build partnerships among interagency cooperators, particularly in integrating States, National Forests, and State emergency management agencies on All-Hazard Incident Management Teams.
- demonstrate the all-hazard incident management capabilities of local Type-2 and Type-3 (State or Metropolitan Area Level) Incident Management Teams to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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